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CORY JAMES HEITZ 1974 - 1996

Cory James Heitz donated organs that saved lives of many

Cory James Heitz died April 13 at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital following an automobile accident near Soledad. Born in Monterey on Dec. 26, 1974, he was a lifelong resident of the Monterey Peninsula.

A Pacific Grove High School graduate, Mr. Heitz enjoyed water sports and other outdoor activities. He was a sponsor of Sober Grads Night at PGHS.

California Transplant Donor Network has informed the family that Mr. Heitz' heart went to a 35-year-old Colorado man who is married and has a son. His liver went to a 58-year-old South Bay businessman who has two daughters. A kidney went to a 54-year-old New York man. His other kidney, two corneas and ten other tissues were also transplanted.

Mr. Heitz is survived by his parents, Iva and Paul Heitz; sister Sherry and his grandparents, Claude and Phillis Cory, all of Pacific Grove.

Services were held April 17 at Paul Mortuary. Sherry Heitz delivered a moving eulogy.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 351, Pacific Grove CA 93950.

See related stories on Cory Heitz on pages 16 and 18 of this issue of the Beacon.

Rudas gives \$25,000 during Dudley dinner

by Eric Colby

The "Dinner with Dudley," cooked up by Mayor Sandy Koffman after the maestro's concert at the Middle School two Saturdays ago, was not a \$250 per plate opportunity to rub elbows with Dudley Moore. But it was not without pleasant surprises.

First of all, host Canterbury Woods and its Executive Chef Charles Graft, served a superb dinner, to about 75 guests, which included a choice of poached salmon with red pepper cream sauce, carved steamship round beef with sherry demi glaze, or rack of lamb on a bed of fried onions with pepper demi glaze.

The entrees were served with tomato aspic and baby seasonal greens, baby carrots Grand Marnier, wild rice, as-

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Page lawsuit against City is in court today

by Neill Gardner

Stephen Page's multi-million dollar lawsuit against the City of Pacific Grove, Monterey Regional Parks District and the California Coastal Commission is scheduled to come under scrutiny of a federal judge in San Jose this morning.

Individuals named in the complaint include Mayor Sandra Koffman, former mayor and vice mayor Flo Schaefer and Bud Nunn, and Community Development Director Tony Lobay.

Parks District Manager Gary Tate and Dina Stansbury, a member of the Rocky Shores Committee are also named.

Page's long ordeal began in 1989 when the city asked him to wait one year before buying the property. The city wanted to raise money to acquire the beachfront lots. When he was notified that the fundraising effort had been unsuccessful, Page closed escrow for a reported \$750,000.

In March of 1991, Page applied for a permit to build a 4855 sq. ft. home. He was told to produce a \$43,000 environmental impact report. The EIR ordered him to reduce the home's height by three feet and reduce the square footage by 20 per cent.

According to Page's complaint, the ARB wouldn't hear his request again until January of 1992 because the city was still trying to raise money. Between January and June in 1992, the ARB held 11 hearings on the project.

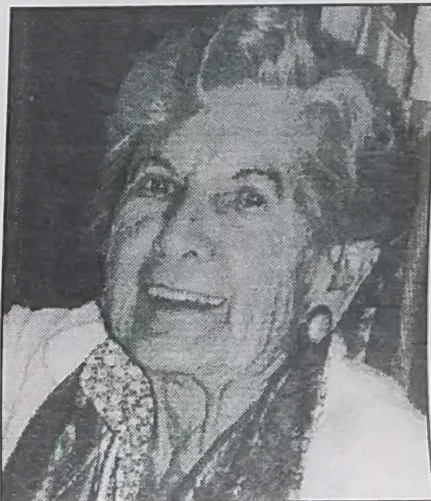
The complaint quotes ARB member Irene Kiel as saying, "In my former life as a seagull, I was flying up and down the California Coastline and saw (Page's) house shaped as a Nautilus seashell, built out of driftwood and feathers."

On June 2, 1992, the ARB offered Page a conditional permit, based on reduced size and dictated many conditions. Friends of Rocky Shores appealed the conditional permit. The Planning Com-

mission held six hearings and reduced the house to 3500 sq. ft.

Twenty-two months after starting the project, City Council reduced the size of the home to 2500 sq. ft. Page sued in Superior Court and the City was ordered in a stipulated judgment to issue a permit for a 3680 sq. ft. home with an underground garage. Page says the garage would have added another \$100,000 to

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ELLEN BERGIS of Pacific Grove, a volunteer worker at the SPCA Benefit Shop on Forest Avenue, was honored by this charity organization during National Volunteer Week as the oldest volunteer worker in Monterey County. She is 98 years old. Beacon photo by Eric Colby

Home re-designed three times to dodge shifting dune plants

by Janis Cain

"This is ridiculous!"

Architect John Mandurrango's frustrations were apparent when he told the Beacon why his client, Johnny Miller, has had over \$750,000 tied up for two years in hopes of building a home in Pacific Grove. A neighboring homeowner, Ms. Vorpahl, has appealed to the City of Pacific Grove to block construction on Miller's site because she found dune habitat on Miller's property.

When Miller found the building site he wanted, on Sunset Avenue, he paid \$750,000. Three years and thousands of dollars later, the foundation has yet to be set. The footprint, or planned positioning of the home on the site, has been moved four times.

A BOTANIST, Tom Moss (chairman of the Pacific Grove Natural Resources Committee and naturalist at the Asilomar State Park), hired by Ms. Vorpahl, found lupine and wallflowers growing on Miller's land. When first discovered, in 1993, Miller agreed to work around the plants. As project designer, Mandurrango moved the footprint.

A few months later, after deer apparently devoured the original plants, seeds

were spread, and the plants turned up in other locations. The footprint was moved again. Again, the plants disappeared in one location and grew up in another.

"We're talking about two or three plants, here," Mandurrango told the Beacon. "These changes have cost Mr. Miller \$25,000 in design changes so far — and he continues to hire the services of botanists and lawyers."

MILLER'S LAWYER, Derinda Messenger of Anthony Lombardo & Associates, Salinas, is also frustrated with the ongoing delays.

"The Millers have endeavored to provide whatever is necessary to ensure maximum protection of the habitat," Messenger told lawyers for Ms. Vorpahl, "while at the same time respond to Ms. Vorpahl's concerns regarding her views. The net result of (which) has been a request for yet another continuance."

Ms. Vorpahl's most recent appeal on Miller's construction was filed 70 days ago. Although it is due to expire on May 1, she recently asked for a continuation to June, due to her vacation schedule. At the City Council meeting of April 17, her request for a further extension was

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Project inspires New Monterey neighbors

by Janis Cain

The Monterey City Council has voted to negotiate a lease with the Monterey Heritage Society and Central California Youth Hostels for a community project to refurbish the Archer House in New Monterey.

"We found 34 immediate neighbors who supported the youth hostel as best of all possible uses of the building," New Monterey Residents Association President Sharon Dwight told the Beacon. "The Heritage Society will totally restore the building."

The downstairs portion of the historic home will be open to the public within a year. This goal is made possible, Dwight said, through the efforts of many volunteers, including those from the carpenters union and the youth hostel organization—as well as community in general.

After years of attempts to preserve the home, the City Council last year con-

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JODI ALIOTTO, youth program supervisor, shares a happy moment over Tibor Rudas' \$25,000 check with (from left) City Manager Mike Huse, Rec. Dept. Director John Miller and Councilman Jim Costello, chairman of the Youth Center Building Steering Committee. Beacon photo by Eric Colby



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Miller is at end of his rope to build new home

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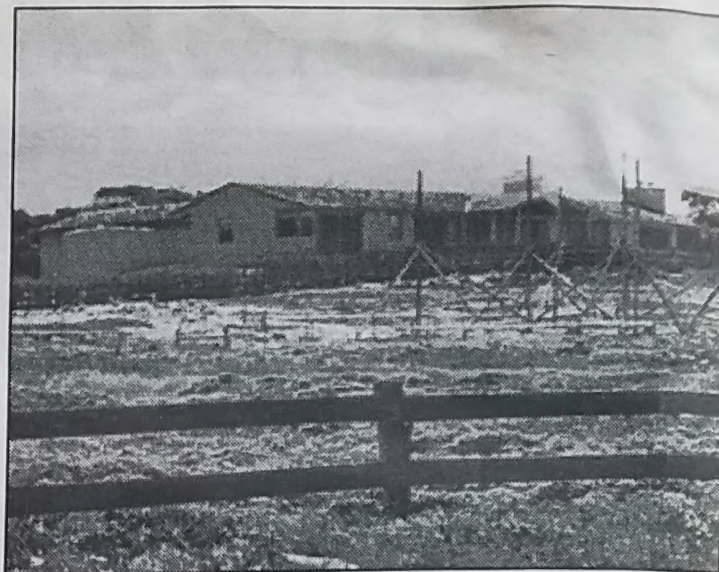
denied and the issue will be decided at the May 1 public hearing. Messenger also reports that representatives from the Coastal Commission are not concerned about possible disturbance of dune habitat on Miller's building site.

AFTER EXTENSIVE studies on dune habitat — at the Rocky Shores property owned by Stephen Page — Coastal Commission staff determined that dune plants "are very hardy and well-adapted to disturbance."

Messenger said she feels the Coastal Commission staff will be supportive of the Miller project and "the mitigation we are currently proposing."

Mandurrago, who has reportedly kept his frustrations under wraps until recently, told the Beacon about a recent meeting on the Miller property.

"There we were, people from Fish & Game, two lawyers, real estate professions, builders, botanists, biologists, city officials.... all huddled around a tiny cluster of plants that would be deer food by morning. It's totally ridiculous."



SITE OF MILLER home is down hill and in the northern view of the Vorpahls who own the neighboring home in the background behind the story boards in place. The Vorpahls paid Tom Moss to locate endangered plants on Miller's property.

Page sues Nunn, Shaefer and Koffman

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the cost of his home.

Page claims the city has demanded studies not usually required, charged abnormal permit fees, imposed capricious conditions and caused delays in his project.

He says the city demanded unlimited right of entry onto his property, despite the stipulated judgment.

The suit claims Tate told the Coastal Commission that the Parks District had money available to buy his property when that wasn't so, causing the Commission to delay its decision.

Page says the Coastal Commission demanded many unnecessary documents, which cost him "thousands of dollars" to produce. On Nov. 17, 1994, the Commission issued a permit dependent upon 41 unnecessary terms, according to the complaint.

The Commission demanded unlimited right of entry, an annual report on landscaping, combining of the two lots and

a dedication of 85 per cent of the lots to open space, which Page can't use.

According to the complaint, Tate was admonished by Coastal Commissioner Glickfield for "improper behavior" concerning Page's permit application.

Lobay is charged with making arbitrary, harassing and unconstitutional demands, including a photo montage showing how the driveway would look behind sand dunes.

Nunn is named as a founder of the Rocky Shores committee.

He is said to have written three letters to the Coastal Commission opposing the City's position on the project. According to the complaint Nunn misrepresented the fact concerning public funds.

Former Mayor Flo Schaefer also is accused of writing negative letters to the Commission, despite the stipulated judgment handed down by Superior Court.

Mayor Sandra Koffman is said to have paid for a Nov. 2, 1992 Herald ad concerning the Rocky Shores effort. The

complaint says she met with Coastal Commissioner Sam Karas to express opposition to the project.

Former Mayor Jeanne Byrne is quoted as having told the Coastal Commission that delaying tactics by the Parks District were inexcusable.

Page wants to recover \$762,000 in carrying costs, \$320,000 in professional fees, \$38,000 in property taxes, \$500,000 for emotional distress, \$1 million for deprivation of his constitutional rights plus the costs of the lawsuit.

This morning's hearing in San Jose will deal with the defendant's motion to dismiss.

Michael Stamp is representing the Pacific Grove defendants. According to City Attorney George Thacher, Stamp's fees will be paid by the City.

Mary Margaret O'Connell, a Monterey attorney, is representing Page on behalf of Defenders of Property Rights, a Washington D.C. non-profit organization.

Dinner with Dudley was packed with outstanding food and speakers

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paragus, creamer potatoes and a dessert featuring a milk chocolate cup filled with fresh berries and Grand Marnier cream.

Local wines from St. Michelle, Jekel and Hahn were served with the meal. Cost of the food preparation was about \$6,500 and was generously donated by Canterbury Woods' food service company Sodexo USA.

It was an excellent repast preceded with wine and hors d'oeuvres prepared by local restaurants and served by Rick Myroth, Katy Travaille and Christie Martine.

Guests were seated at tables for 10 an hour after consuming hors d'oeuvres and sipping wine before Dudley Moore arrived with Tibor Rudas and his wife and friends.

Upon being introduced by Mayor Koffman, Moore spoke for about a minute, modestly acknowledging the Mayor's appreciation of his appearance, saying that he was happy to help and then, before sitting down, made a short pitch for his up-coming Carnegie Hall concert April 26 to benefit unemployed musicians.

After dinner Mayor Koffman thanked the residents of Canterbury Woods for hosting the evening, observing their significant role as "seniors of our community opening their home for benefit of the youth of our community."

Following her heartfelt thanks for creating the Dudley Moore concert to benefit the new Youth Center building with

moneys to furnish it, she introduced Pebble Beach resident and operatic impresario Tibor Rudas who dropped a surprise.

"Here's a check for \$25,000 as a personal donation from me," said Rudas, backing up his convictions expressed earlier, that more concern by adults must be given the youth of our community.

He reminded his audience that the problem with teens everywhere and anywhere is getting them off the streets.

"There have been four break-ins to our building on Lighthouse at 17th Street., right here in Pacific Grove. And every one was done by teenagers," he said.

His was a personal donation beyond what proceeds would accrue the City of Pacific Grove from the evening's Dudley Moore Concert which, he added, was something he would be quite happy to do again.

Overwhelmed, the Mayor said to Rudas, wiping her tears away, "This is not something you can imagine or dream of. There are lots of kids home in bed right now who would love to thank you personally!"

The Mayor turned over the check to Recreation Department Director John Miller and the dinner was over as Moore and his wife were escorted out the door.

Other contributors to the evening's reception were The Pebble Beach Company, Asilomar Conference Center, Fandango Restaurant, Joe Rombi's Mia Cucina Restaurant, Pacific Grove Florist and Griggs Nursery.



HUNDREDS OF flags placed by hired botanists paid for by Miller have been set on the property three times, as deer keep eating the plants.

Student musicians set for district festival

The 23rd Annual District Music Festival on May 8 features the talents of students from throughout the PG Unified School District.

Beginning at 7 pm in the PG High School Gym, the program will include the David Avenue Kindergarten chorus, Elementary choirs, orchestra/band from Robert Down and Forest Grove Elementary Schools, and instrumental and choral ensembles (band, orchestras, and jazz bands) from Pacific Grove Middle School and Senior High School.

Although admission is free, donations are accepted to help support music in schools.



DUDLEY MOORE (left) chats with Tibor Rudas and his wife, prior to being seated at the head table during the "Dinner with Dudley" a post-concert reception hosted by the Canterbury Woods Retirement Center. Beacon photos by Eric Colby

Evening benefit raises thousands for Youth Center building extras

by Janis Cain

When ticket sales fell short of projections for the Youth Center fundraiser, Tibor Rudas got out his checkbook. A surprise contribution to the City of Pacific Grove for \$25,000 more than made up for less-than-anticipated financial support from the community.

Rudas, a classical music celebrity in his own right, had already brought actor-musician Dudley Moore to the Grove and paid all costs associated with the benefit performance. Held in the PG Middle School auditorium, Moore's concert was the focus of a push to raise money for amenities in the Youth Center, now under construction in downtown PG.

Despite extensive advertising in out-of-town newspapers, and the leadership of Mayor Sandy Koffman in marketing the event, ticket sales failed to produce the hoped for \$50,000.

City Councilman Jim Costello reports a total of \$20,800 raised in ticket sales, including about 100 for the concert and about 60 for the dinner. The personal check from Tibor Rudas to Mayor Koffman brought the total numbers for the Youth Center to \$45,800.

Despite mixed reviews on the quality of the Dudley Moore show, and objections to the pricey post-concert dinner, community leaders say the naysayers are missing the point.

"This was for the kids," Richard Stillwell, easily PG's hardest-working volunteer, civic leader and businessman, told the Beacon following the \$250 per person Dudley Moore dinner at Canterbury Woods. "Sure it was expensive, but we're not talking about the cost of a meal. It was a donation for the kids; if we don't spend the money on them, what do we have? We can't put the money in our coffins and take it with us."

Stillwell recalled his experiences with funding for the original youth center: "It was around 1948 when Bing Crosby gave us \$15,000 or more for the project. Crosby went on to be quite a man. And I think this Tibor Rudas will be the same — if not bigger — in my eyes. And that's pretty big."

In addition to the surprise contribution of \$25,000 from Rudas, the Rudas organization also paid for all costs associated with the event, which Stillwell estimates at another \$25,000. "He even brought in portable flush toilets from the Bay Area to accommodate those who came to the concert at the middle school. Tibor Rudas knows how to do things right. I am just proud to have him in this community."

Allen Cohen, owner of Lighthouse Cafe, said he was happy about the money raised for the Youth Center, but felt the community had higher expectations of Dudley Moore. "I don't want to say anything negative about the event, it was a good project, but the man (Moore) should have had his act together."

Pacific Grove City Attorney George Thatcher noted that whatever the show lacked in quality, it made up in quantity.

The performance ran on for more than one hour and 45 minutes. "Some of it was excellent," Thatcher told the Beacon.

"No, the event wasn't perfect," Stillwell concluded. "We should have had a sellout. At least Rudas is putting his money where his mouth is, and it's time more people start doing that. Maybe we'll have a sellout next time."

Pebble Beach Company purchased ten tickets to the dinner and also supplied the wine.

Rudas has told Mayor Koffman he may be willing to bring fundraising talent to PG on an annual basis — to raise money for the youth of Pacific Grove.

Rotary seeks items for annual rummage sale scheduled June 1

Steve Groman reminds all residents on the Pacific Grove Peninsula that it's time to unload your closets and garages of surplus, resaleable goods and donate them to the PG Rotary Club for its big rummage sale at Sprouse-Reitz, Saturday June 1.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward construction of a theatre stage at Forest Grove School, according to Rotary President Tom McKinny.

Charles Aucott is in charge of storing rummage stuff between now and the sale and has a crew that will pick up your stuff. So start your spring cleaning today and call the PG Rotary Club tomorrow at 649-3455.

As a wise philosopher once observed, if you haven't used it during the last 12 months, you probably don't need it. And you certainly have no use for it!



ROBERT BUTTERFIELD, administrator of Canterbury Woods, greets the camera with resident Mrs. Dorothy Larzelere. This Grove retirement community hosted the dinner.



BETH PENNY (left) president of the Feast of Lanterns board of directors and Erma Dinkel, president of the Grove Chamber of Commerce.



CANTERBURY WOODS Executive Chef Charles Graft slices his Baron of beef for Beverly and Richard Stillwell. About 75 turned out for dinner.

Busy meeting schedule for resource committee

by Eric Colby

The City's newly created *Natural Resources Committee* has doubled up its meeting schedule to formulate objectives, organize tasks, and discharge its administrative responsibility to enforce the Grove's Tree Ordinance.

Scheduled to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Museum of Natural History, this committee has convened at least twice monthly to discuss such things as

(1) a natural resources ordinance for the city, (2) revision of the existing tree ordinance, (3) a vegetation management plan, (4) a butterfly habitat protection and development plan, (5) a scheme for preserving coastline and trails in Pacific Grove and (6) assessment and protection of local water quality.

Tom Moss, a Pacific Grove resident and naturalist for the Asilomar State Park, is committee chairman. The other six members include Paul Sund, John Fisher, Cyndi Fox, Caroline Nunn, Katy Travaille and Tim Jensen.

The committee has held two hearings

on applications for permits by residents to remove trees from their property. The committee approved one application and denied another.

Committee denials may be appealed by property owners to the City Council.

Chairman Tom Moss suggested at the committee's January 18 meeting that the current tree ordinance be abolished unless the ordinances be implemented and obeyed.

The committee's discussion appeared to be centered around the apparent lack of monitoring by the City.

Often, when a property owner receives approval to remove a tree, another must be planted elsewhere on the property.

Coming discussion topics for the butterfly grove will include plant propagation, nectar sources, trails, ADA requirements, tribute trees, funding, speakers bureau, education for the public and schools, weather monitoring equipment, and signage.

A map of trails previously decided upon, and what current work has been done, was presented to the committee.

Staff for the NRC includes City Forester Frank Ono of the Public Works Department and Steve Bailey, museum director. City Councilman James Costello is assigned as staff to the committee also.

The Xerces Society Report, a study made several years ago of the Butterfly Grove (now referred to as the Monarch Habitat Sanctuary), is being reviewed by the NRC. Recommendations included in that report for maintenance of the butterfly grove have been approved by City Council for adoption. The NRC has been charged with ways and means to implement the recommendation.

The NRC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Conference Room of the Museum of Natural History, Central Avenue at Forest.

Special meetings and hearings have been scheduled when necessary, as early as 4pm, and are given at least 24-hour public notice by postings at City Hall.

This report compiled from minutes of NRC meetings held January 18 and 23, 1996.

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Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove, (Christian Church), 442 Central. Adult Bible study 9:30 am. Worship Service (including Children's Sunday School) 11am. **Pastor Richard Niell Donovan. 372-0363**

First Church of God 1023 David Ave., Pacific Grove. Sunday school at 9:45 am. Worship at 11 am. Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 pm. Youth Nite Friday at 6:30 pm. **Pastor Tim Doramus. 372-5005**

Believers Christian Center 515 Junipero Ave., (at the Community Center) Pacific Grove. Sunday morning worship 10am. **Pastor Lenore Williams. 656-9446**

CITY NEWS

Daring ocean rescue saves three lives. Officials studying fuel spill damage to Sanctuary

by Janis Cain

When a 52-foot fishing boat capsized in rough seas about 150 yards off Ocean View Boulevard last weekend, rescuers were on the scene within a matter of minutes and three lives were saved through their heroic efforts.

"The Trinity, owned by Randy's Fishing Trips, was apparently returning to Monterey Harbor from south of Point Pinos when it got into trouble and rolled while coming into the Bay," PG Fire Chief Greg Glass told the Beacon.

Other sources told the Beacon one of the squid boat's crew members had radioed their location to family members who then proceeded to the coastline to welcome the fishermen back into the bay. In an attempt to get closer to shore, the crew apparently got into the high surf and capsized the boat.

A Coast Guard helicopter and rescue boat were backed up by a lifeguard from State Parks, Pacific Grove Ocean Rescue, and the PG Police and Fire Departments.

Despite the high surf and generally rough conditions, all three fishermen were plucked from the waters by the Coast Guard rescuers, taken to Community Hospital, treated and released.

Salvatore Randazzo, owner of Randy's Fishing Trips, refused comment.

In another fishing boat incident last weekend, the 37-foot Victory squid boat sank at "Mile Buoy" when the squid catch apparently exceeded safety limits. Boat operator Joe Bonanno,

Monterey, told the Coast Guard he and four Vietnamese crewmen were taking on water. The vessel sank almost immediately.

While Coast Guard spokespersons would not comment on the cause of the accident, a Fish and Game official noted, "It's just common sense not to overload the boat. We've had boats sink right at the dock when they're overloaded with fish."

And in a third accident over the weekend, a Santa Cruz area man drowned when his 17-foot pleasure craft overturned.

Following the heroic rescue of fisherman aboard the Trinity on Saturday evening, another story began. Unfortunately, efforts to salvage the boat and prevent the inevitable spill of 500 gallons of diesel fuel were not successful.

Next morning, hundreds of passersby stopped to monitor what looked like the aftermath of a small tornado.

The rocky beach along Ocean View Boulevard was heavily littered with rubble that, hours previous, had been the upper deck and tower of the boat.

Wooden walls, vinyl seating, a plastic thermos, fishing gear — everything but human flesh — had smashed against the rocks and sand via the crashing waves that continued into the night.

Responsibility for the clean-up falls to the owner of the boat. In this case, Randazzo's insurance company has reportedly bought out the owner and is now clearing out the debris.

As the seashore mess was being picked

up, the scene was a frustrating reminder of the invisible damage the spilled diesel fuel could cause to marine ecology.

Biologist Larry Espanosa, with the Oil Spill Prevention and Response division of the California Department of Fish & Game, says diesel fuel disappears almost as soon as it spills.

Unlike the obvious and ugly blight of an oil slick, diesel fuel is almost impossible to spot. "We only know it's here because we can smell it," Espanosa said.

Wading through the area of the spill off Ocean View Boulevard, Espanosa told the Beacon it will be a long time before the damage to the local marine ecology is documented.

The biological assessment began Monday. Funded by a tax on oil company, the group includes scientists from NOAA and Fish & Game.

Scott Kathey, of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary office in New Monterey, told the Beacon the preliminary studies indicate some bleaching of marine plants in the area of the spill and possible some damage to invertebrates at the site of the shipwreck.

"Those inter tidal pools are an extremely lush area," Kathey explained. "Anyone who's ever been around there can see that every square inch is filled with sea life."

Among the wide variety of petroleum products, Kathey says diesel fuel is certainly toxic, but preferable to crude oil, which is much more deadly to sea life.

Senior housing needs senior ideas

by Annette Lindstrom

Pacific Grove's newly appointed Senior Housing Committee needs to hear from seniors. The Committee has developed a survey which is now available at the Pacific Grove Public Library and the Sally J. Griffin Senior Center located at 700 Jewell Avenue. Pacific Grove seniors are encouraged to drop by either of these sites and complete a survey. The Committee wants to know:

1. Is an affordable senior housing facility needed in Pacific Grove?
2. Where in Pacific Grove should the facility be located?
3. Is it important that the facility be located within two blocks of a grocery store?

4. What other features are important to seniors?

The Senior Housing Committee, chaired by Councilman Steve Honnegger, is very interested in knowing what factors to take into account as they design an affordable (low income) senior housing project for Pacific Grove.

Mayor Sandy Koffman and the Council recognized the strong need for a senior housing project in Pacific Grove and responded by appointing the Senior Housing Committee in January.

Pacific Grove has a large population of persons over 65 (16 percent of the total population) and a significant number of our seniors have low incomes. The 1990 U.S. Census found that 86%

of senior renters living in Pacific Grove pay more for their housing than they can afford. The lack of accessible and affordable rental housing has caused hardships and has meant that many of our senior citizens have had to move to another community to find housing within their means.

We believe Pacific Grove can build a facility to help seniors stay in our community.

You can help us to assure that affordable senior housing becomes a reality in Pacific Grove by filling out a survey or coming to the Senior Housing Committee meetings held at 3 pm the first Thursday of each month at the Sally J. Griffin Senior Center.

Water Committee studies Grove Council

A number of questions have been posed by the City's Joint Committee on Water Issues regarding the Council Action in December to grant up to 815,000 gallons of water (about 350,000 gallons more than originally available) for a restaurant in the Old Grove Theatre building owned by the Rudative Trading Corporation (Tibor Rudas) at 612 Lighthouse.

This is enough water for about ten typical homes. This committee is now in the process of responding to a request from the City Council on how to allocate any new water that becomes available in the future.

Committee members report that, unlike other local jurisdictions, the Pacific Grove Community Development Department does not seem to have clear cut procedures in place to evaluate the reasonableness of specific requests for water.

"There continues to be some mystery about whether any scrutiny was applied in evaluating requests or any quantifi-

cation made indicating how the water would be used," one source told the Beacon.

In June 1993 Rudas's architect requested water for a proposed restaurant within the Grove Theater building. In determining how much water was available for the remodeling, a dispute arose over how much the historical owner of this building was credited and payment for those potential credits.

Eventually the dispute was taken to the Board of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) and resolved. The project was credited with about 1.431 Acre-feet (466,200 gallons of water used annually).

The building plans were subsequently modified in October of 1993 to add new office space and a restaurant. The restaurant was to be a coffee house/deli with ten tables (33 seats). Eventually, the restaurant proposal was abandoned for the near term and the space is being converted to offices.

What is unclear to many is how the

water credits for this project were documented and why they are being "banked" for the future for a restaurant. Apparently, this was determined outside of any public process.

It has been reported that a meeting was held at the Water Management District between Stephanie Locke in the permit department and PG's CDD department director, Tony Lobay to discuss the water needs of the project and this is where the 2.5 A.F. figure was derived.

Many members of the Water Issues Committee members expressed concerns over the lack of documentation for this large use of water and have indicated that the water allocation history is "murky".

The Council only learned of this decision after the fact when it received a request to approve the allocation. The City Attorney advised the council that an oral contract had been made. Thus the Council approved the allocation.

It is not clear if the Council understood that the City's water allocation has already been fully committed and that any

CITY NEWS



THIS FISHING boat washed up on Pacific Grove's rocky shore near the Esplanade Saturday morning following a rescue, during the previous night, of three fishermen when the boat capsized in heavy sea further out in Monterey Bay. Beacon photo

Mail carriers will gather your food donations during annual drive

If this year is anything like last, the Pacific Grove Post Office will score more donated food than any other post office in the county come Saturday, May 11, during the annual

National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive.

Residents will want to mark their calendars as a reminder to put their non-perishable donations next to the mailbox early in the day.

"We're making it as easy as possible for people to donate food to the Food Bank for Monterey County," says Postmaster Chris Romero.

"Our letter carriers volunteer to do this

every May, and the Food Bank needs the donations to help individuals and families through the summer and fall.

The Letter Carrier Food Drive is the largest food drive in the country. Sponsors include the Postal Service, the AFL-CIO, local food banks, and the letter carrier's association.

The best items to donate are canned goods of all kinds, plus staples such as rice and beans, powdered milk, dry cereals, peanut butter and other vitamin and protein-rich foods.

Items, such as liquids, packaged bakery goods, and baby foods are discouraged.

Warm weather brings dog days at the gas pumps for travelers

Gasoline prices began inching upward a month ago at interstate freeway stations as weather began warming, putting those with cabin fever on the road. Your intrepid gas reporter noticed this first in King City.

Since then the upward price escalation has all been "downhill," pushing the consumer's pocketbook, to see how far the price boon will last.

Even though it all comes from the same hole in the ground, gas is sold at different prices at different places around town.

Here's a sample taken at local pumps Monday afternoon, April 22. Prices are expressed in dollars per gallon. Stations are listed in ascending order of price for regular only. Other prices fall where they may.

Gas Station	Reg.	Plus	Prem
Beacon, Lighthouse & Prospect	1.459	1.559	1.659
British Petroleum, Lighthouse & David	1.519	1.619	1.719
Union, Forest Avenue	1.549	1.679	1.779
British Petroleum, Forest Avenue	1.559	1.799	1.899
Shell, Lighthouse Avenue	1.559	1.659	1.759
Alliance, Forest Ave & Prospect	1.579	1.659	1.759

action on Rudas Bldg.

commitment might have to come from future reserves.

At a council meeting in April, the Rudas water allocation was again on the agenda. Now the Company indicates that they are not going forward immediately with a restaurant. But they would like the allocation to be set aside (to formally allow banking of the water for the future). The Council agreed with this proposal with a 5-2 vote with Council members Yadon and Zito opposing.

Whether or not there is enough water for this proposal or whether it must come out of the future allocation gained from the City's retrofit of the golf course has yet to be determined, since the water allocation figures presented by the Community Development Department and the Water Management District do not match.

This discrepancy is being researched at the request of the Water Issues Committee.

This allocation process, or lack thereof, raises a number of questions.

1. What was the basis for the justification of such large amounts of water for a restaurant? What data was used to derive this number?

2. Was the request in keeping with the goals of General Plan? Is there a demonstrated need for more restaurants? How does that compare to other commercial needs, residential needs?

3. Was this a viable restaurant project or a desire on the part of a good businessman? Why did this project get water when the needs or desires of others are not likely to be met?

4. Why wasn't there a public process to discuss this large of a commitment until after the commitment had been made?

5. If there isn't a need for water for a restaurant, why isn't this water going back to the City reserve so that real projects that are ready can move forward?

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Biggest, best ever Good Old Days

by Janis Cain

JFK won the Pulitzer Prize for his book, Profiles in Courage and General Eisenhower was sworn in for his second term as President of the U.S. The Everley Brothers were singing "Wake Up, Little Susie" as "Father Knows Best" captured top ratings from TV viewers. A new study proved, conclusively, that cigarette smoke causes lung cancer, and Jackie Robinson retired from baseball. Elvis was on his first west-coast tour and, in Pacific Grove, it was the first year of Good Old Days.

When Pacific Grove staged its first Good Old Days celebration in 1957, the event was billed as an arts and crafts show and sale. In the intervening years, food, entertainment, contests, and competitions have rounded out the weekend to appeal to a broader population.

At this year's 39th Annual Good Old Days were visitors from throughout California and as far away as Colorado and Arizona.

"In terms of numbers," Moe Ammar, PG Chamber of Commerce, told the Beacon, "it was the largest ever. And in terms of weather, it was definitely the best in memory."

A total of 215 vendors lined Lighthouse Avenue on both sides and down the Center, from Fountain to Cypress. Notable, reported Ammar, were the non-profit groups represented, including four churches, the Parks District, and the Recycling Committee.

The annual Quilt Show at Chautauqua Hall, now in its 21st year, brings out-of-towners back year after year, as does the Victorian Fashion Show and Contest. For the second year, the police motorcycle competition was sanctioned by the Olympic Summer Games (won this year by San Jose).

More than 80 entries participated in the Parade, and the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast was so popular the line was consistently too long.



THE KLAPPER KIDS, Jessany, Christopher and Elizabeth, dressed in their old-fashioned finery, patiently awaited their pancake breakfasts. Beacon photo by Eric Colby



EMILY TAYLOR gets her face decorated by Carrie Foldberg at the Shoreline Community Church booth, one of many local organizations participating in Good Old Days. Beacon photo by Eric Colby



LISA ESTEBROOKS, manager of Comerica Bank in Pacific Grove, does her stint in the Chamber's information booth, dressed in style. Beacon photo by Eric Colby

Home Savings buys F.I.B. in Pacific Grove

by Eric Colby

Current management and employees of First Interstate Bank on Lighthouse Avenue will remain to serve regular customers when the bank becomes a branch of Home Savings of America.

That word came yesterday from Mary Trigg, Home Savings' director of Public Relations in Irwindale, California (a sub-

urb of Los Angeles).

The office here will continue to be First Interstate Bank until its sale to Home Savings is sanctioned by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Office of Thrift Systems, a regulatory agency of savings and loan banks, according to Trigg.

"As a Home Savings of America branch, our Pacific Grove office will continue to function like any other full service bank," says Trigg.

"The only difference is that, as a thrift, we are licensed to offer additional services such as home mortgages, consumer loans, small business loans, as well as investment services," she said.

The Pacific Grove FIB branch, along with 60 other branches, was purchased by Home Savings from Wells Fargo Bank on March 28, near the deadline that Wells Fargo faced to divest itself of 61 FIB branches in communities where Wells already had a fair market share defined by regulations of the US Justice Department.

One of nine financial institutions who bid, Home Savings will assume ownership late in the third quarter when it is estimated approval of regulatory agencies will be given.

Meanwhile, FIB in Pacific Grove is merged with Wells Fargo (now combined as Wells Fargo & Co.), and depositors are getting letters from the new owner telling them that there will be no interruption of service.

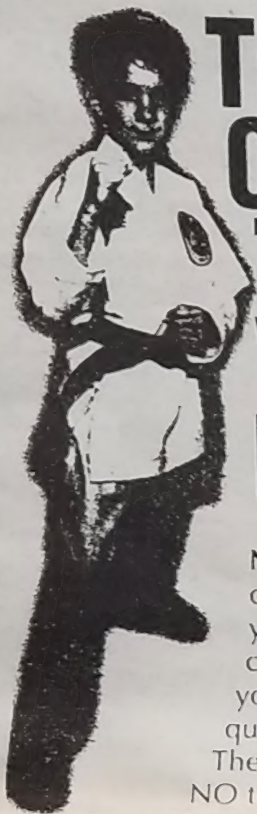
Home Savings is the third largest bank in California behind Bank of America and Wells Fargo. Of its 343 service centers in four western states, 262 of those are in California.



PAUL HODGINS played the bagpipes on Grand Avenue during Good Old Days. He was hired by Cameron & Smith Fly Fishing Outfitters of Pacific Grove.

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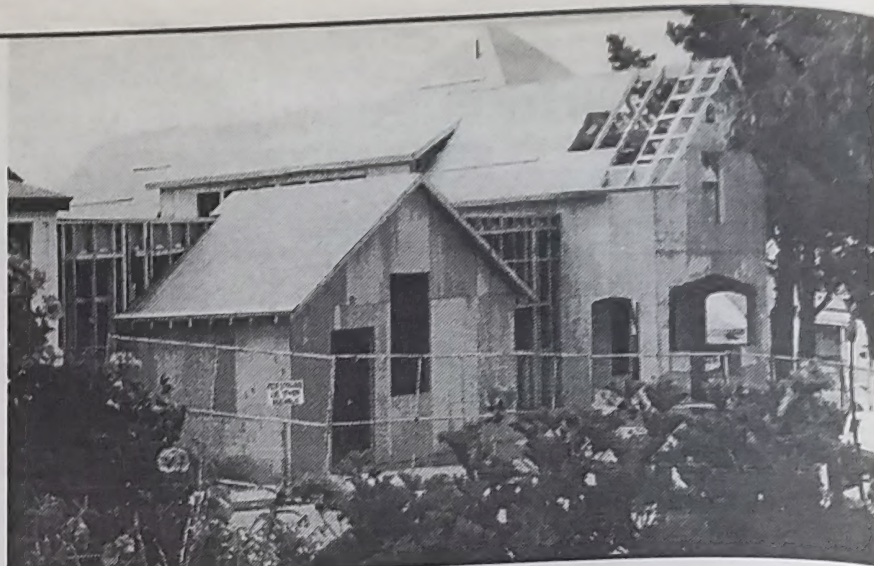
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Progress going smooth at the Rec

FRAMING AT the Grove Youth Center building wrapped up this week with most of the roof sheathing and shearwall in place. Rough electrical, plumbing, and heating are under way. Roofing, window, and exterior door installation should be complete soon. Then vapor barrier and sidewall installation should begin to complete close-in and ready exterior for paint as drywall and interior trim proceed on the interior.

Beacon photo by Eric Colby



Skirmish between Apria and Cypress results in tie

Special to the Beacon by Jon Grant

It was an odd game at George Washington Park last Wednesday, ending in a 4 to 4 tie after eight innings. Cypress Sporting Goods jumped out to a 2 to 0 lead early, forcing Apria to play catch up.

Ryan McReynolds started the game for Apria, pitching seven strong innings. Kevin Merfeld solidly pitched six innings in relief for Cypress.

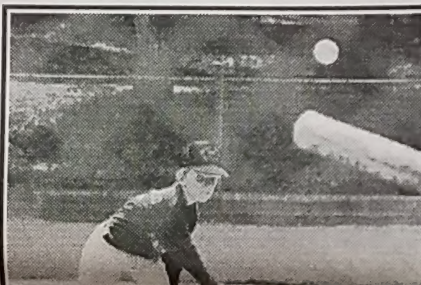
Leading hitters for Apria were Ryan McReynolds, 3 for 4, and Danny Draper, 2 for 3. Tristan Kadish was intentionally walked his last two at bats. Iaian

Fillipini went 2 for 4 for Cypress.

In the bottom of the sixth, Apria tied it up at four apiece. There was no score in the seventh. Tristan Kadish shut down Cypress in the top of the eighth. Then, in the bottom of the inning, Ryan McReynolds led off with a smash off the wall in center — a foot away from being a game-winning home run. Apria continued the rally, loading the bases with no outs. But Kevin Merfeld kept his poise on the mound and stopped them there. The tie game then was called due to the time limit.

“Other game highlights included Thomas Roberts and Ryan McReynolds homering back to back as Apria beat Vista Robles Dental, and clean-up hitter George Jossan’s two run shot helping Monterey Financial get past Apria.

In the final game Saturday, Monterey Financial Services edged Male Call 7 to 5. Tony Hazdovac, MFS’s leadoff hitter, went 3 for 4. For Male Call, Casey Flannery hit his second dinger and pitched very well. The win for Monterey Financial gave them the league lead, only half a game ahead of Male Call.



Kevin Merfeld's fine pitching form

Bronco League Standings

Team Name	League				GB	Runs	
	W	L	T	%		For	Vs
Monterey Financial Svs	4	1	0	.800	0.0	37	18
Male Call	3	1	0	.750	0.5	34	28
Cypress Sporting Goods	3	1	1	.700	0.5	34	30
Apria	2	1	1	.625	1.0	30	27
PG Fire	1	4	0	.200	3.0	35	37
Vista Robles Dental	0	5	0	.000	4.0	22	52

Spring break tennis camp is real zorch

by Matthew A. Foote

Pacific Grove's 1996 Spring Break Tennis Camp held April 8-13 at the Morris Dill Tennis Courts located at the Pacific Grove Community Center was an overwhelming success. This was the fourth such camp held during week-long vacations, and each time the camp gets bigger and better. Each time we streamline the camp down to only the most productive and most fun activities for the kids.

The Spring Break Camp drew nearly 50 kids from Pacific Grove and Monterey and was hailed by most as “the best camp ever.”

Beginning tennis players went through three hours of intensive tennis instruction and games. Players learned everything from forehands, backhands,

serves and volleys, to scoring and sportsmanship.

Also for the first time we offered extended care until 2pm for no charge. During this two hour aftercare period the children participated in various non-tennis related games such as Capture the Flag, Scavenger Hunts, and a field trip to McDonald's for lunch. For working parents we also offered extended care until 5pm for a fee of \$7 per day. Kids and instructors alike seemed to learn a lot and have a great time.

The afternoon session for Intermediate/Advanced Juniors and was also highly successful. The camp included a match each day for each player — in addition to the instruction sessions. Players got a chance to hit a lot of balls, work on fundamentals, compete in matches

and competitive games, participate in daily physical conditioning sessions, and have a lot of fun.

The camp also included a One Point Singles Tournament with a trophy going to the winner and a One Point Doubles Tournament with ribbons to the winners. On Friday, players had the opportunity to travel to Stanford to watch a college tennis match between Stanford and the University of Arizona.

It was a great chance for the kids to see college tennis at its best at the most impressive, prestigious facility in the country.

The camp ended with kids demanding a similar structure this summer. All in all, the 1996 Spring Break Tennis Camp went more perfectly than even my most ambitious expectations. I hope to run an even more fun, even more productive, even better camp this summer. The following is a list of informal awards given by Spring Break Tennis Camp instructors Devon Owens, Danny Shinaut, and myself:

One Point Singles Champ—Julia Pariser
One Point Doubles Champs—Paul Park/Mike Wolfner
Most Improved Player—Mike Wolfner
Best Attitude—Brian Wilsey and Sam Rowland
Toughest/Most Gritty—Kol Schaefer
Best Nickname—Lizzie Buell (the Lizzard) or Matt Foote (Fatt Moote)
Biggest Upset—Brian Wilsey over Joon Park



TENNIS CAMP

FEATURES

Triathlon will be more inclusive with relay teams, masters, coed teams

by Eric Colby

The Triathlon at Pacific Grove, which was such a resounding success last year, is scheduled for its second annual run here September 14.

Up to 800 runners may participate this year, according to Race Director Terry Davis, due to its newly acquired sanction as the USA National Triathlon Team Championship.

"That means teams of four (two men and two women) will compete will compete in two classes, one a master class for runners over 40 years old," said Davis.

The race this years has also been added relay teams of three participants; one to swim 1.5K, another to bike 40K, and the anchor person to run 10K.

"These two new twists will draw many more entrants over our 440 participants last year," said Davis.

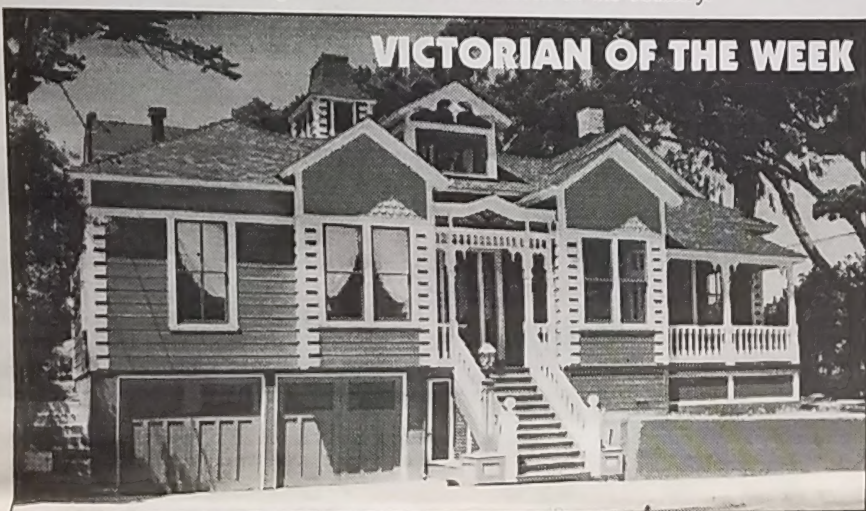
Changing the Triathlon weekend will also improve participation and attendance, according to Davis. "Last year the Triathlon occurred on the same weekend as the Indianapolis car races at Laguna Seca," said Davis. "This year we are sandwiched on a weekend between that event and the Jazz Festival, with no other major county spectator events," said Davis.

Because of the Indy races last year, Pacific Grove inns were filled giving the Triathlon committee trouble having to dig up places for runners to stay outside of Pacific Grove.

The Triathlon will cover the exact same course as last year. "We had such a picture-perfect race, that we're not changing a thing," said Davis.

Davis says the Pacific Grove Triathlon will become a nationally sanctioned event in 1977, ranking it among the best of all Triathlons in the country.

VICTORIAN OF THE WEEK



House that Bob built

In 1987 Bob and Norma Dease bought this old Victorian, (corner of Lobos and Lighthouse) built in 1889 by the first physician in Pacific Grove, Ebenezer Snell. It was first remodeled in the 1950's by Ray and Helen Hamilton, now of Moss Landing. Bob undertook renovation six years ago replacing all wiring, plumbing, heating and insulation. All interior surfaces are new and Bob has painstakingly replicated all wood trim himself. It was painted last year.



Slice of life by Elaine Breen

Crises at the pumps

I see in the paper that gas prices have jumped 20 cents a gallon. Things may get a little sticky here at the home place.

Tom likes to pay only the price for self service. I, on the other hand, have taken the pledge never to pump my own gas.

I hate pumping gas. In the Marine Corps punishment for errant motor transport privates was thirty days on the gas pumps. I never actually knew what I did to merit this sort of punishment, but I stopped asking after the six weeks of cigarette butts and washing down the ceiling pipes. I wasn't Marine material and I'm rather proud of it actually, though some very good people are Marine material.

Any way I was asked kindly to pump gas for anyone who drove up, check the oil, etc. if asked. Also, in slow times to kindly wash trucks.

I didn't actually mind pumping gas. I didn't actually mind the comments of the male Marines who rather liked to see me move my 98 pounds to fill their great big trucks. What I minded was the smell.

It didn't disappear. When I walked into the barracks (we made tea at five pm after work) kind hearted bunkies wrinkling their collective noses, said, "Whew, how many days do you have left on the pumps." If I tried to go to a movie I nearly always had an empty seat on each side.

I vowed never to touch a gas pump again. I've made a half-hearted attempt to learn the procedure, but it doesn't permeate.

Tom has asked me kindly not to use full service. He will pump the gas if I can't learn how. So I drive on empty, playing KBach loudly, trying not to think of how I may stall in the very middle of Lighthouse with all those pacified Grovers behind me.

If Tom goes first I'm going to lean over him and whisper softly and clearly, "Tom, I'm going out to get gas, full service."

Tom here: "If she goes first I'm going to lean over her and say, "At last, a Jaguar."

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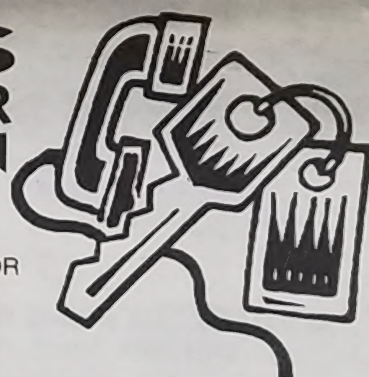
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ABOUT TOWN

1,157 pipes in new St. Mary's organ

A new pipe organ, built especially for St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Pacific Grove arrived earlier this week, designed for a newly-constructed loft in the 110-year-old church at 12th and Central.

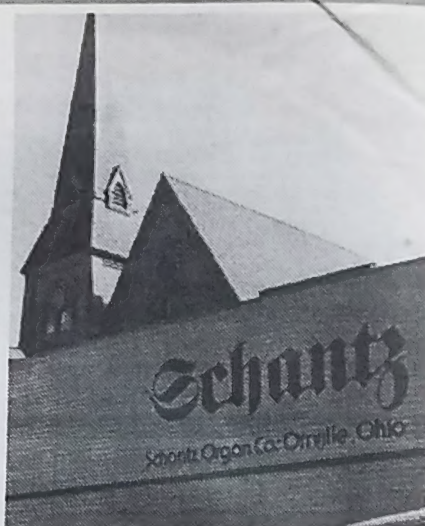
The organ was built by the Schantz Organ Company of Orrville, Ohio. A crew of experienced craftsmen were in town Monday to install the physical parts of the instrument. Within a few weeks, a second crew of tonal finishers will arrive to test and tune each of the 1,157 pipes to fit the acoustical conditions of the church.

Total costs of the organ and alterations inside the church to accommodate it is \$200,000. The organ funds are being contributed primarily by St. Mary's congregation.

Commenting on the exasperation that came with the extensive remodeling, the Rev. Dwight W. Edwards, rector of St. Mary's said, "The result of our work will be a gift to future generations. A magnificent pipe organ will give additional beauty and strength to the worship in this venerable building."

The pipes of the organ are fabricated of both metal and wood. The metal pipes are predominately of an alloy of tin and lead in varying proportions depending on their size and function.

Larger metal pipes are made of zinc. The pipes vary in pitch length from 16 feet to 3/8ths of an inch, the larger ones



SCHANTZ Organ Company has shipped and is now installing a beautiful new organ in St. Mary's Church in Pacific Grove.

providing the low pitches and the smaller ones the high.

In an electro-pneumatic organ such as this, the tone is produced by air entering the pipe, activated by an electrical impulse when a key is struck. A "rank" consists of one pipe for each key on the keyboard — 61 for the hands and 32 for the feet.

This organ contains 20 ranks of pipes. The console from which the organ is played consists of two keyboards for the hands and one for the feet. Each of the "stops" or "ranks" of pipes in the organ has a control in the console that turns it on or off.

"I can't wait to get my hands—and feet—on this wonderful new instrument," said Kitty DuVernois, organist and choir director at St. Mary's.

Vehicle Gallery. "Selective Perceptions," a photographic tour of textures, shapes, shades, and colors of North America by photographer Joe Hertzbach is now on exhibit at the Vehicle Gallery. Hertzbach began photographing nature while working as an archaeologist in Hawaii and the Pacific Northwest. Mineralogy and optic classes helped to inspire and define his vision of the world in intricate textures, shapes and shades. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum. The show ends May 1 at the Camera Exchange, 551 Lighthouse Ave., 373-0448.

Jazz Request Happy Hour with song stylist Mary Anne Randl begins this Sunday, April 14 at El Cocodrilo. From 4:30-6:30pm every Sunday Mary Anne invites you to stop by for a bite and hear your favorite jazz standards accompanied by pianist Martan Mann. 701 Lighthouse



Pacific Grove Dining Guide

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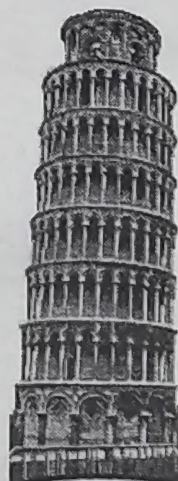
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Juice n' Java. "The Openers" with Kurt and Michael (drums and acoustic guitar) this Saturday nite, from 8-10 pm. Open mike every Wednesday 8-10 pm. 599 Lighthouse Avenue.

Unicorn Theatre. Alice in Wonderland ends April 27. Shows run Saturday at 2pm and Sundays at 6pm., 230 Hoffman at Lighthouse in New Monterey. 649-0259 for reservations.

"The Rivals" by Richard Brinsley Sheridan (1751-1816) starts at 8pm Friday night May 3 thru June 1st at the Hoffman Playhouse. Along with "The School for Scandal" and "She Stoops to Conquer," "The Rivals" represents the playwright's most frequently revived play and represents one of the pinnacles of theatrical endeavor during the reign of George III. It's a triumph of "laughing comedy".

The play features Lavelle S. Brown as Miss Lydia Languish, and suitors Robert Colter (as Sir Lucius O'Trigger), Peter Eberhardt (as Bob Acres), and Jeff McGrath (as Captain Jack Absolute). Also in the cast are Rob Foster, Cynthia Womack, Thomas Burks, and Daria Ketcham.

Showtimes are 8pm Fridays and Saturdays til June 1. Sunday matinees May 19 and 26 at 3pm.

PG Art Center. April-May exhibits



SELECTED artwork by Jane Flury of Pacific Grove is now on exhibit with other Monterey Peninsula artists at the MP Museum of Art now through May 2. 550 Pacific Ave, Monterey.

here will run through May 10. A reception for artists will be on the evening of May 3.

Photographer Ted Ledbetter's exhibit "Nature through a glass eye" is a featured artist at the **Photo Gallery**.

The **Gill, Dyke and Boyer Galleries** are all given over to the "Artists' Equity 8th Annual Studio Tour Group Exhibition." Featuring over 80 visual artists, weavers, potters, painters, sculptors, printmakers, photographers, jewelers, even computer artists.

Pacific Grove artist **Jane Flury's** se-



PACIFIC GROVE resident Dorothy Dean is featured in John McCleary's photo journalism exhibit "Peninsula People: The Carmel Side," at Carmel Heritage-Welcome Center through June 16. Dorothy has taught generations of Peninsula residents to dance.

lected work is up with "Monterey Peninsula Artists," a group show thru May 2, at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art, 550 Pacific Ave., Monterey.

Robin Way, a Pacific-Grove photographer, is currently exhibiting his photographs at Juice and Java (Lighthouse and 16th street). Way grew up in Carmel, joined the conservation staff of the Sierra Club in San Francisco and has been photographing Nature's way since the 1960's. Recently Way has focused his lens on the environments of Hatton Canyon and upper Carmel River near the proposed new Los Padres Dam.

Portofino Presents. Kate Price, a Celtic music artist will be making a special concert appearance at the Pacific Grove Art Center tonight at 8pm. This singer and musician will perform with Teja Bell, violinist Charl Ann Gastneau, dumbek/udu player Ian Dogole, and cellist Doug Harman. At 8pm, 568 Lighthouse.

Museum of Natural History. Now showing photographs by Katherine B. Rambo capturing natural art on film. Tuesday-Sunday 10am - 5pm, Corner of Forest and Central, downtown Pacific Grove.

Raven in the Grove. Recent works in oil and pastels by Linda Purcell



Ted Ledbetter's environmental photo exhibit now up at PG Art Center.

Satchell. 505 Lighthouse Avenue, Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12-6pm. 649-6057 for info.

A Garden Affair. A first annual garden show scheduled Saturday, April 27 at the Barnyard in Carmel, will benefit Eco-Corps, a Pacific Grove based conservation group best known for its planting and maintenance of the forest in Washington Park. Features a day of exhibits, demonstrations, lectures, music, food and wine to herald the blossoming of spring.

Next events calendar deadline is Friday, May 10. Black and white photos for best reproduction. Address correspondence to "About Town."

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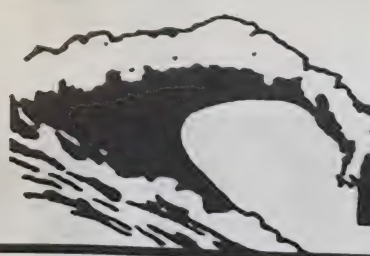
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11 Vehicle Gallery

Featuring photography and paintings. Check About Town for scheduled shows. (In back of the Camera Exchange). 551 Lighthouse Avenue 373-0448





Pacific Grove High School NEWSBREAKER

Budget Crisis Hits Home

Susan Howe

Interim Superintendent Jay Cobb is considering serious budget cut reductions for the 1996/7 school year. The positions which are being considered in the cut would save a total of \$721,000 this school year. In truth, only some of the positions will actually be cut. A total of approximately \$250,000-\$300,000 is need to be saved in the budget cut.

So why all the big budget cuts you ask? The property tax is going to grow from 2% to 2.5% for the next school year. This small amount of growth will not be enough to cover all the expenses with the current positions. Unfortunately, with these cuts, one of the two high school counselors may be laid off. This would reduce services to students and increase the load on the remaining counselor.

Counselors are highly needed on campus. Their jobs vary from being someone to talk to seriously planning for college, to simply being a confidante. Counselors are trained to counsel and help students academically as well as

mentally. If anything, one more counselor is needed with the amounts of students on campus, not less.

It's not only the counselors which will be affected by these cuts. Ms. Lenno, who runs the textbook room and student store would become part time. With her serving as part time, the remaining clerical position would increase responsibilities. Mrs. Anderson in the library would become part time also, reducing library coordinator services, so far saving \$27,000. The history department would be affected as well because of its recent hires, Mr. Lanzman and Mr. Mazzi.

The positions listed above are but a few of the many suggestions, in "Possible 1996/7 Reductions." A hearing in which it will be decided that is open to the public takes place on May 2, at 7:00 at the Middle School. A hearing where the final decision will be made will take place on May 15. If you have something to say, please attend the May 2 meeting.

The Unknown World of ROP

Neil Ogimachi

One of PG High's hidden secrets is the ROP program headed by Mr. Radov. Besides bringing extra money to the poor PGUSD, it teaches students valuable skills, while giving them college credit.

The ROP classes serve a wide range of interests, from Furniture Construction to Hotel/Motel Management. The one thing that they all have in common though, is that they teach students a skill that can be used to get them a job after graduation. However, as Mr. Radov states, "Even a college bound student

can benefit." Ninety percent of college students work, and ROP training can land a student a part time job that averages \$12/hr., with better working conditions than the local fast food restaurant.

But the benefits do not include job training alone. One class offered at PGHS, Business and Careers Tech Prep, can earn a student credits at MPC and PGHS using the "2-2 program." Next year, Mr. Radov hopes that PGHS can offer more of these classes, in addition to extending this agreement with CSUMB.

Stanford for Students

June Yook and Christine Park

The Stanford Medical Youth Science Program (SMYSP) is a five week summer program held at Stanford University. The program is for low-income high school students interested in careers in health. Twenty-two students, who are current high school sophomores and juniors are selected to participate. SMYSP is staffed, supported and directed by a group of dedicated Stanford University students, teachers and medical center personnel.

SMYSP offers the most intense and rewarding educational experience and includes lectures given by Stanford professors, workshops, discussions on public speaking, and clinical experiences. Also the SMYSP is a full scholarship program that pays for all student expenses.

The program runs from June 23-July 28, 1996. Students must be free for the entire five week periods to participate. The program is a very good challenge

for sophomores and juniors who are interested in careers in health. For more information and an application see Ms. Briscoe.

The Bigger Picture

Andrew Raymond Biddle

The year is halfway over at PGHS and many seniors find themselves looking beyond to a bigger picture. Decisions for college choices and future careers are being made. Life goals and occupations are being weighed and more and more against immediate high school concerns.

March and April are the months in which college acceptances begin rolling in. Past accomplishments and work are culminating in letters from institutions of higher learning. Choices and opportunity are around every corner.

All our efforts are paying off and the hard work at this fine public institution will be well worth it. Soon, the four years of college will be over and high school will be a fond memory. Way to go guys!

Spring Sports by Chandra Paton

Spring is here and with the change in season, so comes a change in sports. To find out how our breaker teams were doing, I talked directly to some of the players to get a summary of their season so far.

Softball- Kelly Covell and Amy Riedel Varsity Girl's Softball has started a phenomenal year. In their tournament in Twin Creeks, they placed fourth out of forty teams, placing better than their rival Notre Dame. Overall for the season their record is 14-4. As an added bonus, pitcher Kacey Henden received Athlete of the Week.

Boy's Swimming- Ben Blakely

The Boy's Varsity Swimming Team has started off their season with a 2-2 record. Seniors Adam Rustan, Mike McArthur, Grant Coulter, and Brendan Godfrey along with Junior Tyson Altenberg are fighting for C.C.S. qualifying times. The Breakers look strong going into their next meets.

Track- Ashley Gamble and Paola Villacres

This track season has been going well. We have a lot of strong people on the team. And although the team is small, our efforts and success surpass that. It's pure fun!

Baseball- Nate Holdridge

The Varsity Baseball Team has high hopes after winning MTAL last season. Seniors include Jay Perlier, Andrew Smith, Andrew Dunlap, and Nate Holdridge. Sophomore Nick Wilcox joins Nate Holdridge in the starting rotation while Junior Mike Leach joins Perlier in the outstanding defense. The Breakers are currently in second place and are 6-4-2 overall.

Boy's Tennis- Lyle Somerton and Jae Bae

The Boy's Tennis Team is currently 4-1 with a loss to Palma, but victories over Gonzales, Alisal, Carmel and Aptos. The top players are John Flores, Tyler Hansen, and Lyle Somerton.

Golf- Carolyn Rees

We have a strong team this year, but we are also very young- with two juniors, five sophomores, and three freshmen. Our record is 2-1 with wins against King City and Alvarez, and a loss to Carmel. The team placed fifth in the Hollister tournament out of twenty teams.

Support your Breaker Spring Sports Teams by showing your spirit at a game sometime in the near future. Go Breakers!

History Victory

Darryl Glass

Every year students from Pacific Grove, Carmel and Monterey schools enter in the Monterey County History Day. This year's theme was "Taking a Stand: Groups, Individuals, and Movements." The winners selected then move on to History Day in Sacramento.

This year many students from Pacific Grove Schools received the county winner award, and will be attending the State History Day in May. The Pacific Grove High Winners are: Evan Cooley-individual project, Laura Wilsey and Celia Carter-group project, Genevieve Garcia and Stacy Jones-group project, Tom Avera and Jeewon Kim for Senior papers, Melissa Granstrom- individual performance, and Laura Meadows and Mara Sohn for group performance.

The NewsBreaker, and P.G. High want to say good job, and good luck in Sacramento winners! To enter History Day next year, contact your history teacher, or Mrs. Woolman.

Campus Question?

Alexis Filippini

The 1995-1996 school year began August twenty-third and will end on June fourteenth. To some students, this new schedule is an outrage and a waste of two weeks of summer, and to others, an ingenious solution to a too-long summer vacation. But the two summer weeks do not just disappear. They are only relocated to a break in October and another in February. Here are some student opinions on this new vacation schedule.

Kelly Covell (11): "I think the new schedule is better because it gives us a break in the middle of the year."

Graham Forbes (11): "I think the breaks provided by the new schedule are beneficial to the students. However, the two weeks were taken from the summer break, and therefore should be free of homework."

Chip Platt (10): "I kind of like it. I think the breaks are fun because the stress from school runs really high."

Walt Matteson (10): "I don't like it because during the breaks during school you get homework, and if they just kept summer longer, we would have more time and less homework."

Overall, most students asked enjoy the fall and spring breaks from school. However, the issue addressed by all students was the desire to have the two week breaks be homework-free due to the fact that they had been subtracted from summer vacation time.

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CITY NEWS

Council ponders new advent of water sales

by Neill Gardner

Several residents in attendance at the April 17 meeting of the Pacific Grove City Council voiced negative comment on Douglas Gustafson's request for assistance in the sale of water credits from the old Grove Laundry site.

Gustafson still owns a 2600 sq. ft.

back to its Water Issues Committee, the city is under no legal obligation to take any action, according to City Attorney George Thatcher.

Several speakers advised Council to steer clear of the problem. Richard Stillwell said, "This is a can of worms. You'll lose all the Laundromats in town."

Presumably, Stillwell believes Laundromat owners would find it more rewarding to sell water rights than to stay in business.

Allen Cohen, owner of Lighthouse Cafe, used funny money to ridicule the idea of putting water rights up for sale in Pacific Grove.

An unidentified speaker asked, "How can you sell something you don't own? This circumvents the procedure the rest of us have to follow."

Councilman Terrence Zito said the procedure "smacks of a back-room deal." He voted against further consideration of the proposal.

According to Beau Finklang, a principal in Grove Innerscape, the garden and plant supply business being built on the laundry site, more than nine acre feet of water credits go with the property. Only a small portion of that water will be needed for the new business.

Gustafson operated the laundry for about six months before selling it, then had to take it back because of environmental problems, according to Finklang. When CCC Properties bought the site,

Gustafson retained ownership of one small lot. CCC intends to lease that lot if the water rights transfer goes through, according to Finklang.

In a letter dated Oct. 23, 1995, Gustafson offered to sell an acre foot of water to the city for \$100,000. "If the city does not want to stockpile the water, I know of several people who are interested in buying the water so they can develop their property," the letter said.

Pinkham has offered to retrofit David Avenue School at a cost of between \$3,000-\$4,000 in order to obtain water credit for his proposed Bayview home.

At its March 15 meeting, the Water Issues Committee recommended that the City neither buy Gustafson's water rights nor act as a facilitator, listing 13 reasons for its actions.

City Manager Mike Huse said the proposal "spawns a whole set of issues."

In other action, Council:

Honored Arthur A. "Butch" Andrews as Employee of The Quarter with a plaque and a check for \$100. Superintendent of Public Works Andrews will complete 30 years with the city when he retires in August.

Lauded Chamber of Commerce leaders for presentation of "The best Good Old Days ever."

Accepted former City Manager Gary Bales' invitation to opening ceremonies at Material Recovery Facility in Castroville.

Continued hearing on appeal of Johnny Miller's building permit to May 1, 1996.

Discussed increasing fees for non-resident golfers on municipal links.

Heard City Manager Mike Huse proposal to hire one individual to serve as city engineer and public works superintendent.

Discussed Harry Engen's report on Community Development Department.

Accepted a report on Affordable Housing accounting.

Voted 6-1 to accept Architectural Review Board approval of windows at 322 Central. Councilman Honegger was concerned about setting a precedent.



THE OLD GROVE LAUNDRY is one potential source of water to be sold having 3-4 acre feet of water rights with property title, causing owners to think about selling because they have noneed for that much surplus water. Beacon photo

parcel on Twelfth Street and wants to sell half an acre foot of water to Jim Pinkham, an Exeter resident who'd like to build a residence on Bayview Avenue.

No city involvement would be required were he selling to a commercial developer, but Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Ordinance 79 requires transfer from commercial to residential to have city approval.

Although Council sent the matter

"Murph" consumes viturually all waste

by Robin Salsburg

Last Friday, April 19, community leaders gathered around to witness the inaugural operation of conveyor belts, magnets, screens and grinders — all in the name of trash.

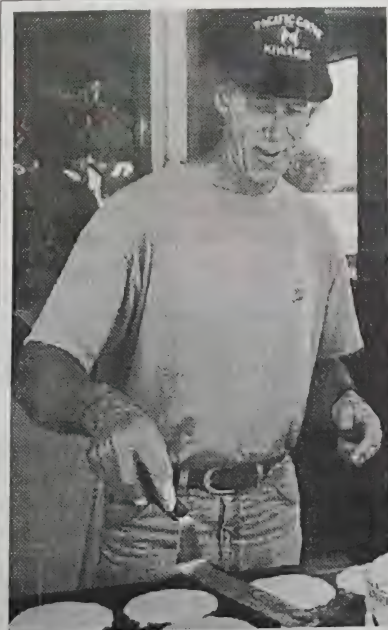
The site was the Monterey Land Fill in Marina where you "go to the dump." The spectacle was the advent of "Murph" a newly completed Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) which the staff calls "Murph."

It's \$10 million worth of machinery under construction since June of '95 that will virtually recycle anything dumped in it like heavy duty demolition waste and yard waste.

The new facility is a major step forward in the Monterey Regional Waste Management District's effort to meet the state-mandated 50% waste reduction goal.

Murph is in a 90,000 sq. ft. building housing a tipping floor for vehicles to conveniently dump their loads. Conveyor belts take your junk past a sorting line of workers who recover wood, metal, sheet rock, concrete, asphalt, etc.

Reusable items will be sold at the Last Chance Mercantile on the site. Murph is also energy efficient and received a \$34,000 rebate from PG&E as an award for saving energy, enough to power about 75 homes each year.



Kiwanian breakfast so popular chefs run out of supplies early

RICH CAMPBELL a regular chef for the PG Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast team did his stuff while feeding hundreds during the traditional Good Old Days feed. Breakfast was served until supplies ran out at 11:30. Men, women, and children stood in serpentine lines waiting for sausage, flapjacks, and coffee. Beacon photo

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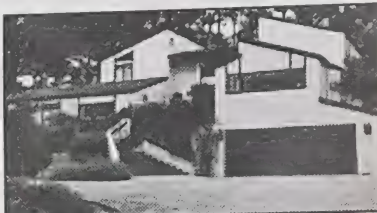
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3192 17 MILE DRIVE — \$9,200,000, Geneva Assurance Syndicate Inc. to Classic Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 4/12/96.

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239 LOBOS AVENUE — \$235,500, George G. & Eleanor Gilmour to Robert K. Gemin, 4/9/96.
979 SYIDA DRIVE — \$265,000, John E. & Sherry F. Vaughn Holmgren to John W. Glendening, 4/9/96.
233 BENTLEY STREET — \$305,000, William C. & Gail F. Ho to Leonard & Rose M. Kunin, 4/12/96.
515 CYPRESS AVENUE — \$225,000, Dorothy L. Liston to Ruth E. Rominger, 4/12/96.
519 CROCKER AVENUE — \$272,000, Carl Blevins to David D. & Lin G. Blaskovich, 4/2/96.
1030 OLMSTEAD AVENUE — \$290,000, Claudia Schaub to Barbara Locke, 4/5/96.
1231 FUNSTON AVENUE — \$350,000, Peter S. & Wanda Draper to Roy M. & Sarah S. Signer, 4/5/96.



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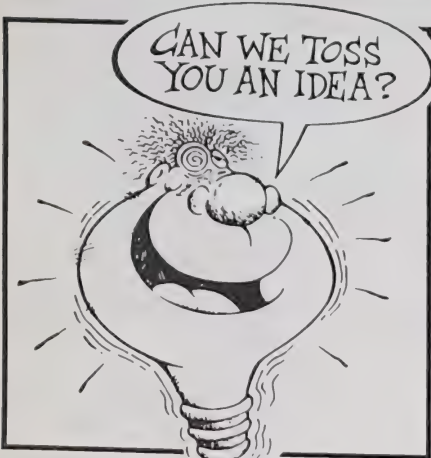
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CITY NEWS

Grove City Newsbriefs

Committee opening. An additional member is required to fill a vacancy on the city's Arts Commission. Interested residents may present an application by deadline 4:45pm Friday, May 3. Application forms can be obtained at City Hall, 300 Forest Avenue. The Arts Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm and serves to support, encourage and facilitate the arts in Pacific Grove. For info call 648-3100. City Council is scheduled to make an appointment at its meeting Wednesday, May 15.

National insect. Mayor Koffman received this note in January from Elizabeth Williams, Mayor of Gonzales. "On behalf of the City Council and residents of Gonzales, I would like to enthusiastically support the City of Pacific Grove's efforts to designate the Monarch butterfly as the national insect. It would be a fitting tribute for such a humble and beautiful insect to be honored in this way."

China Point. Recent events have put in motion location of a landmark alongside the Recreational Trail (opposite the American Tin Cannery) commemorating the Chinese village, started in the 1850's in Pacific Grove, that grew with its flourishing fishing industry.

On Friday, April 19, sculptor Christopher Bell presented a clay rough to become a life-size bronze statue of a Chinese couple that would mark the site (now Hopkins Marine Laboratory) of the original village.

Creation of the Landmark is being spearheaded by the Cannery Row Foundation which is interested in hosting an annual Festival on the Chinese lunar New Year.

Museum. New members appointed to serve on the board of directors of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History are Walter Gourlay and Arthur Hayler. Continuing members include Milos Radakaovich, Daphne White, Darcie Fohrman, Don Roberson, and Kris Lindstrom, chairman.

In 1995 visitors numbered 59,129, up 4,500 from 1994. The number of groups doubled from 7 in '94 to 15 in '95 with a gain of 158 souls. Visitors to the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse increased to 15,300 in '95, a gain of 6,312 over the previous year. That was a gain of 70% for the Lighthouse and 8% for the museum. The Lighthouse was closed for half the year in '94.

Infestation of drywood termites closed Museum doors for three days in February as it was tented and fumigated with sulfuryl fluoride, a chemical chosen because it does not degrade specimens and artifacts. Cost \$7,705. The aquarium was removed during fumigation.

Next planned permanent exhibit is "Endangered Species of the Monterey Bay Dunes" to be completed in April 1997.

Newsbriefs are compiled from News Notes, a bi-weekly bulletin for City department staff circulated by City Manager Mike Huse, and from minutes of various committee meetings.

Business management seminar here May 1

More than 50% of new businesses in the US fail within the first four years, while only 20% survive 10 years. Most small businesses don't have the tools needed to compete in a world that has changed profoundly in 10 years.

To learn practical techniques and strategies used to assist 40,000 small businesses, attend a Burnes Seminar from 6:30-9:30pm at the Monterey Conference Center, May 1. Register for \$20 by calling 800-477-5899.



ATTENDING the presentation of a proposed statue to mark the Chinese Village at China Point were (back row) Michael Hemp, sculptor Christopher Bell, Erma Dinkel, Neal Hotteling, and Jan Hanson (manager of the American Tin Cannery) and seated Kalisa Moore (Cannery Row Assn. president, and James Jeong. Story at left.

Downtown women's store closing its doors after 16 years

by Janis Cain

The Beacon has learned that a popular downtown shopping tradition will close its doors next month.

Prim & Proper, the women's clothing and gift shop at 553 Lighthouse will cease operations with the retirement of proprietor Janice Russo, who, at 56, says she wants to play more golf, travel and get better acquainted with her grandchildren.

Although potential buyers have surfaced, it looks as if the 37-year-old business won't continue.

Asked if the name "Prim & Proper" appealed to women of the '90s, Russo said she couldn't imagine changing it. "Especially because we're in this old Victorian building, it certainly fits," she told the Beacon.

As for her clientele, Russo says they range from 25 to 85 years of age and include some of the most devoted customers anyone could want.

"A few shed tears when they learned I would retire," Russo said.

"We have an enormous mailing list. People from all over the Peninsula shop here, as well as tourists who make it a point to return every year. It's truly a tradition."

Opened originally on Feb. 1, 1959 by Connie Golding, the original Prim & Proper was located on Forest, across from the Grove Market in the Alpha Stationers building.

Later, Connie and Betty Gibler (who

now own Grove Pharmacy) moved the shop to the old drugstore location, which is now World Savings.

Russo recalls it was about 1973 when Stacey Golding became a partner with Connie Golding and moved the shop to its present corner location on Lighthouse and Grand.

In 1980, Janice Russo and Betty Campos purchased the business.

Betty retired in 1994 and Janice has run the shop on her own since then.

Asked what moments stand out, Russo says she will always remember the Christmas shopping days, "especially when men come in to shop for their significant others."

Also the Good Old Days celebrations are always memorable. It's been a wonderful experience overall and I will miss what has become a special, friendly gathering place for women."

Russo has been active in the community, including her work with United Way and other boards in the community. Married to Lou Russo, executive director of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, the couple has two daughters, one son and three grandchildren.



Janis Russo



BETH PENNY (left) president of the Feast of Lanterns board of directors and Erma Dinkel, president of the Grove Chamber of Commerce. Beacon photo by Eric Colby

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Newsbriefs

Sanctuary signs, in & out. The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary has put 21 interpretive signs at sites along the Sanctuary shoreline, hoping to expand appreciation for the Sanctuary's objectives.

Produced in cooperation with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the signs feature a map and brief explanation of the Sanctuary. Also, Pebble Beach Co. has installed four Sanctuary interpretive signs of their own design along 17 Mile Drive.

Indoor exhibits have also been developed by the Sanctuary, for the Save Our Shores' Educational Center. A small display area is visible at the Sanctuary office on Foam Street in New Monterey. In the future, Sanctuary displays may be located in local hotels, airports, and chambers of commerce.

California Trail Days. Join hundreds of people throughout California on April 27-28 as California Trail Days participants make our trails a better place to be. Call Chris Reed at 659-6063 for more information.

Fish counters needed. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is looking for volunteer SCUBA divers to help in this summer's "Great American Fish Count."

The objective is to count and identify fish in the Sanctuary, recording the sightings on waterproof paper. Data from last summer is being analyzed by Gary Davis of the National Biological Survey at Channel Islands National Park. He says rockfish were the most common fish sighted.

Dive clubs or individual divers interested in helping with the July count should contact Sarah Tamblin of the Marine Conservation Network at 510-838-2544.

Renaissance Faire. The Pacific Oaks Children's School, next door to the Pacific Grove Kindergarten Center, will present the 7th Annual Children's Renaissance Faire on Saturday, May 18, from 11 am to 3 pm, featuring a Silent Auction, Raffle, Music, Story Telling, Games, Food and Prizes.

Lonely male monarchs. Ro Vaccaro, recently reelected Director and President of Friends of the Monarchs, reports that — for the first year in memory — some adult monarch butterflies are sticking around for spring. Both males and females are usually gone after the mid-February mating rituals, but these late-arriving males were too late to the party. The females have already mated and left town. Says Vaccaro, "So now we have this population of a few hundred very grumpy monarchs, all males, flying in ever-widening circles all over town, gazing into every flower garden looking for a female monarch to call their own."

EcoCorps benefit. The Barnyard's 1st Annual gardening event benefiting the Pacific Grove Eco-Corps is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 10 am to 5 pm.

Featured will be live jazz with the Steve Goodman Quartet, garden clubs and nurseries, composting exhibit and potting shed, garden tours, gardening information booth, book signings, culinary delights, plein air painters, arrangements by local florists, and environmental non-profit and college organizations.

Eco-Corps was formed in 1991 to protect and enhance the Monterey Penin-



THE LOCAL chapter of the PanHellenic Association staged a fashion show recently to raise funds for scholarships. Unfortunately we've mis-placed ID and information. But it's a nice shot submitted so we're dressing up this page with a semi-risque leg shot.

Civic Meetings calendar

ADA Compliance Advisory Committee, 4th Monday at 6:30pm, CDD Conference Rm, 300 - 16th Street.

Affordable Housing Committee, 3rd Monday at 3pm, CDD Conference Rm.

Architectural Review Board, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 4pm, CDD Conference Rm, 300 - 16th Street.

Arts Commission, 2nd Thursday at 7pm in the CDD Conference Rm.

Beautification & Directional Sign Committee, 2nd Wednesday at 3:30pm, CDD Conference Rm.

Bicycle Advisory Committee, 2nd Thursday at 1:15pm, CDD Conference Rm, 300 - 16th Street.

Building Standards Committee, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 4pm, CDD Conference Rm.

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 4th Wednesday at 7:30am, management office American Tin Cannery.

Citizen Recycling Committee, 2nd Tuesday at 3:30pm, Sally Griffin Sr. Ctr. 700 Jewell Avenue.

City Council, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6pm, Sally Griffin Sr. Ctr., 700 Jewell Ave.

Crespi Pond Restoration Committee, 4th Wednesday at 1pm in the Museum Conference Rm.

Economic Revitalization Committee, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 3pm in the Museum Conference Rm.

Friends of the Monarchs, 2nd Tuesday at 4pm in Conf. Rm, Museum of Natural History, Central Avenue at Forest.

Golf Course Advisory Committee, 2nd Wednesday at 7pm in the Golf Course Club House, 0000 Asilomar Blvd.

Kiwanis Club, Every Tuesday, 7am, Sally Griffin Sr. Center, 700 Jewell Ave.

Library Board, 1st Tuesday at 4pm, Sally Griffin Sr. Center.

Museum Board, 3rd Thursday at 12 noon, Museum Conf. Rm, Central at Forest Ave.

Natural Resources Committee, 4th Tuesday at 4-6pm at Museum Conf. Rm.

Planning Commission, 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6pm in Sally Griffin Sr. Center, 700 Jewell Avenue.

Recreation Board, 2nd Tuesday, 7pm at the Community Center, 515 Junipero.

Revise ARB Design Guidelines Committee, 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm in the Community Center, 515 Junipero.

Rotary Club, Every Tuesday, noon, The Club House, Inn at Spanish Bay.

School Board of Trustees, 1st Thursday, 7pm, PG Middle School Library, Forest Avenue at Sinex.

Senior Housing Committee, 1st Thursday at 3pm in the Sally Griffin Sr. Center.

Traffic Commission, 3rd Tuesday at 4pm, Police Conference Rm.

Inspiring women named by Soroptimist

Soroptimist International of the Monterey Peninsula celebrated its 62nd birthday April 16 by honoring the 1966 award winners in several categories of inspiring women.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION:

Sarah Lincoln is a role model in the establishment of a successful woman-owned and operated small business and for her active support of women to establish themselves in business.

Sharon Randall, a newspaper columnist with the Herald, was chosen for her thought-provoking writings and humor on family and community.

Joan Moises, volunteer, was honored for her long-standing civic service, including historical preservation and restoration activities in the community.

Dr. Florence Cape (posthumous 1995) was a pioneer for women in the field of dentistry. A Peninsula resident for 35 years, she was the only woman in her class at UC-San Francisco, and practiced dentistry from 1937 to her retirement in 1991.

Velma Hollingsworth, attorney with legal Services for Seniors, was chosen for her work in both legal and volunteer capacities with issues affecting women and the elderly.

Bernice Boyd, retired military and school district classroom aide, was honored for her service as a "community godmother" and hands-on goodwill ambassador throughout the community.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN awards were presented to **Candace Love** and **Leda Tully.** Love is a Mary Kay director and wife of a local pastor,

nominated for her inspiration and demonstrated desire to help other women achieve their full potential. Ms. Tully is director of information and education for the Rape Crisis Center, nominated for her work with women and in community education to bring about change in society and within personal relationships.

ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN awards this year went to Pebble Beach Company and Community Hospital. This award was given to publicly recognize businesses and organizations that work to advance the status of women through employment practices, scholarship and grants in support of women or advocacy on behalf of the improvements of women's status.

YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS of \$500 went to Kevin Trovini, a Monterey High senior. Receiving \$250 awards were Thao Pham, Melisa Daniels and Kirsten Schmaltz.

Panhellenic benefits

by Gloria Grenfell

Monterey Peninsula Country Club will be the setting of the Monterey Bay Area National Alumnae Panhellenic's general meeting May 4th. Following a luncheon, members will elect and install new officers.

Also, another vote will be taken on contributions to the community from funds raised by the highly successful fashion show staged recently at Rancho Canada. Proposed are \$500 to the Family Service Agency and \$500 to the YWCA Women's Crisis Center. Another sizable scholarship will be granted to an outstanding undergraduate sorority woman, to be chosen from the Tri-County area.



MRS. ARLEDA LATIMOR and Mr. Arthur Barnes, Canterbury Woods residents, helped to host the evening fundraiser for the PG Youth Center building fundraiser. Beacon photo

Ellen Bergis, 98, works weekly at SPCA shop

by Janis Cain

Ellen Bergis was only 90 when she went to work for the Pacific Grove SPCA Benefit Shop in 1988. The former PE teacher from Montana is now the oldest volunteer in Monterey County and demonstrates her vitality by walking to the Forest Avenue store every Saturday.

Ms. Bergis chose the SPCA volunteer opportunity because it was one of few available that didn't require her to answer telephones. Because her vision is a lot better than her hearing, she uses a fax instead of a phone at home.

Maia Carroll, spokesperson for SPCA, says she wasn't about to "turn away a hot body" when Ms. Bergis said she didn't do phones.

Her job, for the past eight years, has been that of a stock clerk, sorting donated items for pricing.

"She can't drive a car, so she sometimes walks to work," says shop manager Jane Roland.

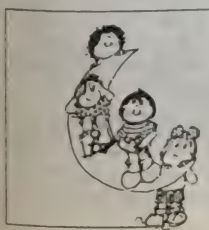
ager Jane Roland.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, through April 27, the SPCA of Monterey County has honored its more than 300 volunteer for the work they do to benefit local animals. Ms. Bergis received festive balloons and banners this week in appreciation of her dedication to the SPCA and the animals.

"Volunteers, most of them senior citizens, keep our benefit shops open," says Executive Director Lynn Phalan-Dahmen. "We have volunteers who feed orphaned wildlife, walk and bathe shelter animals, do data entry, take shelter animals to special events and take animals to television adoption spots. Without these dedicated volunteers, many SPCA programs just wouldn't happen."

The SPCA is a donor-supported humane society that has been serving Monterey County since 1905.

For more about SPCA volunteer opportunities, call 373-2631, ext. 223.



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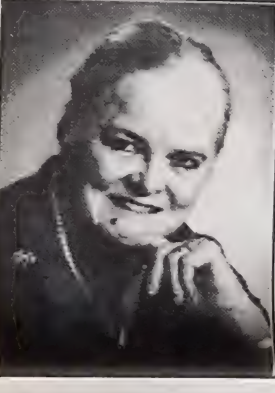
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COMMUNITY NEWS

A eulogy for Cory Heitz

by Rich Campbell

Surely, the ultimate gift of the universe is life. Yet it is a fragile commodity. Our club was rocked by the news, late Friday, of the terrible accident that took the life, the next day, of Cory Heitz. In the middle of last minute preparations for the Pancake Breakfast, we were reminded how uncertain and vulnerable our lives really are.

The Heitz family is our family. We have shared years of community service, good times, and now, twice, loss with them.

Many of our members watched Cory and Sherry grow up. Clearly, the honesty, sense of community, hard work and joy that Paul and Iva embrace in their lives were passed down to their children.

Whenever the Heitz clan showed up, it was all of them getting down to work without hesitation, full of energy, full of purpose.

We will miss the one, yet we'll always feel his presence when we are with the rest.

There are two funds that have been set up. One is to help pay bills. The other is a memorial scholarship fund.

Contributions can be made in care of PG Kiwanis. Even in tragedy there is some joy, as it was announced at the Memorial Service on Wednesday afternoon that Larry had found Cory's dog Pete, who had been missing from the scene for three days, and brought him home.

"PETE,"

Cory Heitz's dog, Pete was the subject of local television's evening news following his master's death in a car accident on April 13. Cory's sleeping bag was placed at the scene of the accident with hope that Pete would return. The dog repeatedly returned to scene of accident, refusing to leave until Cory's father, Paul Heitz, managed to coax him to come home following a two-day vigil at the scene.

Friends of Library seek \$300,000 in improvements

by Eric Colby

Faced with the challenge of keeping Pacific Grove's library abreast of the times, Friends of the Library have begun a campaign to raise \$300,000 in public donations.

Reason for the drive? The City has inadequate revenues to make improvements needed. According to the Friends, the library has (1) insufficient seating and sound -proofing, (2) not enough shelving for books and other media and (3) poor ventilation, lighting and crowding throughout.

Proposed improvements are: More shelving, 50% more seating, enlarged space for Children's and Reference Dept., improved lighting, ventilation and heating, more work and storage space for staff and volunteers, a community meeting room, and an 8,000 sq. ft. addition.

In the past three years, individuals, foundations, organizations, businesses and the City have provided \$402,000 for a computerized catalog and book checkout system and for structural work allowing easy library wheelchair access required by state law.

The first \$15,000 received for the current drive is a challenge grant from the Chapman Foundation. "Challenge" means the moneys will be provided when a matching \$15,000 is raised by the Friends. This grant is to be spent on educational resources for students in grades 6-12. Moneys raised to match the grant may be used for any purpose and will, in fact, be placed in the building fund.

How can you help? You are invited to contribute towards the purchase of:

- 100 work chairs \$50 each
- 30 lounge seats\$125 each
- 25 study tables\$200 each
- Reference service desk\$12,000
- Children's Dept. service desk \$10,000
- 10 workstations\$2,000 each
- Carpet\$40,000
- Interior painting\$30,000
- Community Rm furniture ..\$25,000

Six donors of \$25,000 will be recognized by a special window to be installed in the completed building.

Eighty donors of \$5,000 will have their names inscribed on brass butterfly.

MILESTONES

BIRTHS

Jade Mahalia Scott was born 4/5/96 to Ronnie & Niabi Scott, Pacific Grove.

Lea Kathleen Larkin was born 4/5/96 to John and Mary Larkin, Seaside.

Lauren Elizabeth Trotter was born 4/9/96 to Thomas and Elena Trotter, Pacific Grove.

Jessie Claire Donlon was born 4/12/96 to Peter and Kimberley Donlon, Monterey.

Michael Luke Wojahn was born 4/13/96 to Thomas and Lisa Wojahn, Monterey.

Cierra Renee Pieroni was both 4/12/96 to James and Jennifer Pieroni, Pacific Grove.

DEATHS

Roberta Fernanda Murphy, 79, Pacific Grove, died April 17 at Hospice House, Monterey. Born December 31, 1916 in Sonora, she lived on the Peninsula for 57 years, working as a sales clerk with Macy's in Monterey for 15 years.

Mrs. Murphy was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, who died in 1973.

Survivors include daughters Rosamond Murphy Simpson of San Diego and Catherine Murphy Gingras of Pacific Grove; sister Rosamond Church of Monterey; and granddaughter Simone Gingras of Pacific Grove.

Memorial services were held April 23

at St. Angela's Catholic Church with inurnment at El Carmelo Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Community Hospital or Hospice House.

Cory James Heitz, 21, a lifelong resident of Pacific Grove, died April 13 in an auto accident on Highway 101 near Soledad.

Born December 26, 1974, he was a 1994 graduate of Pacific Grove High School. He worked for his father as a drapery installer for Paul's Drapery in Pacific Grove and was a member of Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his parents, Paul and Iva Heitz, sister Sherry Sands and grandparents Claude and Phillis Cory, all of Pacific Grove.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established with the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 351, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

Sidney Lesser Lee, 89, Pacific Grove, died April 15 at Community Hospital.

Born September 26, 1906 in San Mateo, Mr. Lee had a 40-year career in business and marketing. During the 1930s he worked for Zellerbach Paper Co. in San Francisco. In the 40s and 50s, he brought toys to television with the introduction of "Mr. Potato Head." Mr. Lee was the former vice president of Hasbro Industries, Inc. where he introduced toys such as G.I. Joe and "Flubber" to the market.

In the early 1970s, he owned and operated Leasit, Inc. an equipment leasing business in Pacific Grove.

During the 1980s, Mr. Lee lectured students at both York School and Robert Louis Stevenson, as well as at Stanford University and Menlo College.

A noted golfer, Mr. Lee took lessons at Del Monte at age 12 and had a 2 handicap in college. A graduate of UC-Berkeley, class of '28, he was Jr. State Golf Champion for Northern California.

Past and present club affiliations included the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, The Beach & Tennis Club, the San Francisco Commonwealth Club, the New York Athletic Club, and the Pacheco Club.

He was Vice President of Monterey County Symphony Association and founder of the Big Brother movement in San Francisco. He served on the Executive Committee of United Way, on the board of Hospice, and on the board of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Survivors include his wife Norma S. Lee of Pacific Grove; son Christopher Lee of San Diego, with the US Navy; daughters Marcia Carter of Sacramento and Stephanie Nelson of Pacific Grove; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at the Church in the Forest at RLS School last week. The family suggests memorial contributions in his name to the donor's favorite charity.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Club Corner

by Nadine Annand

This column doesn't mention a word about Altrusa International of the Monterey Peninsula or Lighthouse Keepers or Dickens or any other group I might think needs mentioning. Getting ready for a vacation to Sedona and the Grand Canyon (my first and probably only) I said to Eric Colby, "I'm going to tell about my trip." That was okay with him.

Chronologically, my journey began by Greyhound Bus, my sole method of transportation out of town these days, thanks to my faithful SSS group of friends who saw me to the depot. The bus route takes you through the Santa Cruz area down Highway 17, letting me off in Sunnyvale.

Sunday morning a friend of my No. 2 daughter, Lonnie Houston, who teaches 5th grade in Sunnyvale, took us to the San Jose airport and a great flight to Phoenix.

Two days in Phoenix gave us more information and directions from strangers than we ever needed, although an interesting highlight of this first stay in Phoenix was having dinner with Dayton House and his wife. Lonnie and Dayton have known each other since the 3rd grade and it was reunion time. We also took in Scottsdale, Paradise Valley and Old Town, where of course I dropped by the Chamber of Commerce office to pick up some literature.

Sedona was our next destination, as I think it is with every tourist in the Southwest. The streets were crowded in Uptown Sedona (there is also Downtown Sedona) a la Carmel. Naturally, I also dropped by the C of C there, a bustling crowded office boasting five paid staff and, count them: 100 volunteers. More

literature.

In Sedona we visited Anne Alling, former Pacific Grove resident and — I do have to mention — Altrusa member. Leaving Anne with the promise to return in a couple of days, we headed for Flagstaff. Again we met with numerous misguided directions and became well acquainted with most of the streets there. However, we did find an Alpine Spaghetti restaurant on historic Route 66 where our waiter turned out to be a nice young man from Long Beach.

Next morning bright and early we headed for the Grand Canyon. Arriving at the Visitors Center we took some good advice this time and watched a documentary orienting us with the area. Too early in the year for the shuttle buses, we toured the West Rim, stopping at every point of interest and lookout. The tour for eight miles promises to take two hours, but every second is worth it. Ever changing colors and majestic mountains were awesome and worth waiting a goodly number of years to see.

On our return trip to Sedona and another visit with Anne, plus a wonderful lunch she served us, we drove through Oak Creek Canyon, a beautiful area of many trees and ushering us into the red rock country of Sedona.

Incidentally, Sedona is named after an early lady resident of Sedona, last name Schnably. The colorful rock formations have fascinating names: Chimney Rock, Coffee Pot, Cathedral Rock, and Bell Rock, which towers behind Anne's home.

We drove up to the church built as an architectural wonder jutting out between narrow red rocks. Sedona is surely a must between Phoenix and Flagstaff.

The last leg of our trip was back to Phoenix for more sightseeing.

Sounds like a nice long trip Nadine. It's 5:13am and I've been up all night composing pages and there's no more room here. We'll finish next issue. EC

Volunteer opportunities available

by Jane Maines

The volunteer Center of Monterey County acts as a clearing house for locating and referring volunteers for nearly 200 non-profit and public agencies in the county. Only a few of the many available positions are listed below. For further information, call 655-9234.

DATABASE MANAGER — An arts organization in Monterey is seeking a volunteer to update information on its database and run reports. Computer experience is a must, preferably with Microsoft Works and database programs. The time commitment is about four hours per week.

OMBUDSMEN — Did you know that at any given time there could be 2,500 frail elders living in long-term care facilities in Monterey County, many of whom live alone, without friends or family to speak on their behalf? You can help these seniors by visiting with them, acting as their spokesperson, and advocating for the best possible care and quality of life. Volunteers are trained to receive, investigate and work to resolve problems and complaints including allegations of abuse and neglect. Training begins immediately.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT — A small nonprofit group needs assistance with answering phone inquiries, mailing and general clerical duties. If you have at least four hours per week and would enjoy assisting this organization to promote the arts, please call.

SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELORS — Training will begin May 11 for those interested in helping victims of sexual assault. The training is 42 hours and results in certification. Once training is completed, volunteers commit to six hours per week, answering a crisis hotline, acting as an advocate for victims through medical and legal pro-

cess, and helping them to regain a sense of control. Counselors need good listening skills, stability, reliability and a sense of commitment. Sexual violence is a crime, it affects everyone. Make a difference...get involved.

ADAPTED AQUATICS AIDE — If you are a swimmer and are relatively fit and strong, you can assist disabled children and adults in and around the pool area, working with them in their individual water exercise and swim programs. No direct experience is required. Volunteers are needed in Monterey weekdays from 12:30 to 4 pm.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR — Volunteers are needed to help plan, develop and facilitate activities for this unique intergenerational program. Young volunteers (age 9-11) make weekly group visits to develop relationships with seniors living in a nursing home. The Activities Coordinator will help to oversee interactive projects. A retired or aspiring teacher would be desirable for this position, as well as arts or recreation background. The time commitment is five hours per week.

CLERICAL ASSISTANTS — Can you spare a few hours between 9 and 5? Local agencies are always in need of volunteer office help. In order to keep overhead costs down, every agency spends most of its money in direct service activities. This means many routine tasks do not get done due to lack of funding. A counselor cannot function without accurate files and a fundraising drive will fail without an accurate mailing list. The two or three hours you spend entering data into a computer or answering the phone for an agency may do more to further their goals than you realize. There are currently over 40 agencies in all areas of the county looking for this kind of assistance.

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OPINION

The Process Works

Pat Herrgott, whose persistent demands for an accurate accounting of Affordable Housing funds may have irritated some denizens of City Hall, is deserving of thanks from the rest of us. We doubt that any ex-mayor is going to hand her a bouquet of orchids before the next Council meeting. Even so, she has one coming.

At one recent session, Herrgott told Council she had been asking for the information for months and that she was going to continue asking until she received it. Also meriting praise is Peter Woodruff, who shepherds the city's finances. He stood up before one and all and admitted that \$180,000 in AH funds had been credited to the wrong account. And he put it in writing that without Herrgott's repeated needling, the matter might never have been set to rights.

Although many have been justifiably critical of using AH funds for Civic Center construction, (the root cause of the mixup) there has never been any hint of fiscal misconduct on the part of city employees. Those who infer otherwise do this community a disservice. They invite inspection of their own motives. — **Neill Gardner**

Abolish the Water District

Senator Henry Mello may or may not appreciate being considered the father of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, considering that body's checkered and unproductive history. He came to town recently to stage a public hearing concerning turning its operation over to the county's supervisors and mayors.

Henry got an earful from folks who filled the old Monterey City Hall. More than a few of the attendees were not yet born when the MPWMD first embarked on its tree ring, water hyacinth, cistern, desalination version of water management.

Most of them said they wanted to keep this outfit; that might have caused some folks to laugh had the experience not have been so painful. They said the mayors and supervisors are too busy to handle a big job like this. One articulate gent claimed it was like jumping out of the frying pan into the fire.

Someone said Henry was trying to take one monkey off our backs and put another one on.

Mello heeded to their protests. In our opinion, he made a mistake. Whatever legislative hoops he must jump through, he should wipe the district from the face of the earth and tell the California American Water Company to get off its corporate duff and solve its problems. That failing, the Public Utilities Commission will provide the muscle to bring an adequate supply of water to the Monterey Peninsula.

Granted, that's what we should have done 20 years ago. No one has a right to be proud of his hindsight. Even so, only a fool would fail to take advantage of it. Cal-Am has been hiding behind the WMD's skirts long enough. — **Neill Gardner**

Zito Is Not Wrong

When Councilman Terrence Zito says a scheme to have the city participate in the sale of water credits has the ring of a back room deal, he is voicing the opinion of a good many residents.

There is something inherently wrong in forcing local folks to stand in an endless line waiting for a water hookup while out-of-towners with fat checkbooks belly up to the counter and get prompt service.

Should the day return—and it probably will—when strict water rationing must be imposed, the appearance of fairness will influence the cooperation of the citizenry. If the people feel they are getting the short end of the stick, they will flush every time they feel like it and let the water run while they peel their carrots.

This department does not make it a practice to subscribe to many of Zito's oft-the-wall philosophies. This time he is on the right track. — **Neill Gardner**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library needs your help to raise money

To the residents of PG:

What a sense of satisfaction for the Pacific Grove Library to end 1995 with its computerized library system installed and in use!

I've been using the library for 36 years. In fact, if it hadn't been for the library, I probably wouldn't have married my wife! Over these years I have seen the library grow to meet the challenges for each generation of Pacific Grove students and for the rest of us. Now, we need to build for more future generations.

Three years ago, we began raising funds to meet present and future needs of the Library. Today, through donations, grants, events and City funds totaling \$400,000, we have the computer system in place, automatic doors at the Library entrance, new wiring, a new check-out-desk and a book detection system. New bathrooms will be completed by mid-1996. That pretty much completes Phase I of our projected plans for the Library.

Not bad!

Now as we enter 1996, we start Phase II, with a new challenge we feel sure you will want to help us meet. The Chapman Foundation has given the Library a \$15,000 challenge grant that we need to match by December this year.

In Phase II, we want to buy new furnishings (chairs, tables, shelving etc.). We need to improve the Library's lighting, ventilation and hearing, as well. We estimate Phase II will cost \$300,000.

The Library continues to need your help and support in providing the space, equipment and furnishings necessary for our Library of the future. There are many ways you can help. I ask you to please join me in supporting this worthwhile community project.

Richard Stillwell,
Friends of the Library

Historic preservation ordinance misapplied

To the Editor:

During the past year I have become increasingly alarmed by the way the City of Pacific Grove's Historic Preservation Ordinance has been misapplied by the Community Development Department. I realize that the ordinance is not only failing to protect the City's historic resources as dictated by the General Plan, but is, in fact, being used to further their destruction in many cases.

Consider the fact that since this ordinance was adopted by the City Council in June of 1994, not a single historic structure has been saved out-right from total or partial demolition. Seven have been demolished. (A home at 662 Lighthouse was saved on a technicality

even though the Council vote was 3 to 2 to demolish.)

The Council provided an ordinance with incentive to homeowners of historic structures by allowing some relief from normal planning steps. The ordinance gives the CDD director authority to waive variance requirements.

Homeowners of a historic building are not required to obtain approval from the Planning Commission for variances for front, back, or side yard setbacks, overhangs, parking/garage requirements, etc. No public hearing is necessary.

Instead, the CDD director is charged with holding the public hearing and deciding on his own what variances should be granted, circumventing the procedure that must be followed by most citizens.

The exceptions to this land use regulation section (so-called incentive section) of the ordinance was, in hindsight, a great error.

During the past year there has been a veritable rush to get properties added to the "protected list." This upsurge in additions to the list was at first a mystery. All too soon, however, it became clear that some builder/architects had found another "creative" loophole that could be used to their advantage.

We now have cases where houses are being placed on the protected list that have had major alterations to their original structure. Is it mere coincidence that the owners of these homes almost immediately applied for zoning excep-

Thots while shaving

by Eric Colby

Library. Elsewhere in the Beacon this issue is a report on the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library who are now seeking donations totalling \$300,000 to continue boosting library standards into the 21st Century. This effort falls on the heels of a \$400,000 improvement program recently completed, largely funded by efforts of the Friends.

The library is probably any community's most important public service. The fact that Pacific Grove's municipal income cannot fund necessary library improvements may be an unfortunate reflection of City Council priorities over the last 10 to 15 years.

On the heels of Proposition 13, which froze real estate taxes and virtually halted annual growth of municipal income, your city council promoted the notion that Pacific Grove was a "city of homes" in an attempt to create the illusion that retail business here was unessential and, in fact, should be discouraged.

Combined with the closure of Ford's Department Store (which brought retail sales tax dollars from shoppers outside Pacific Grove), yearly inflation and the inevitable salary increases for city employees has made Pacific Grove's municipal income inadequate to support necessary services.

Costly elections scheduled to raise bonds to purchase public lands have drained cash on interest and principle payments have cost this city \$3,000,000.

The expenditure of funds for the professional drafting, twice, of a General Plan (for a town basically already built out) cost the City \$300,000.

The attempt to create a 6,000 sq. ft. office for the Community Development department, without seeing the need for a cohesive city hall structure, cost the city \$190,000 for a foundation.

While this may now be looked upon as the past, its legacy is that we are forced to dig deeper into our pockets. I'm mentioning this to help readers put city priorities in perspective; without an expanding retail trade, this city's revenues are basically fixed. And we must be careful to weigh priorities. We can't

have "both guns and butter" as the post-war economists used to say.

The threat of costly court judgments from obstinant stands and personal hobby horses still exists because of previous council attitudes towards reasonable property rights of Stephen Page.

Canterbury Woods. A community expression of thanks seems due to the management, Resident Association President Mary Garrett, and all residents of Canterbury Woods, who hosted a fund-raising dinner while Dudley Moore was in town last Saturday evening. Not only did the Residents Association agree to open their home and dining room to benefit construction of the Youth Center Building, many of the residents made individual donations to the building fund. The last 40 years individual pursuits have largely been self oriented, without much obeisance to our elders, where there is not only wisdom, but old-fashioned charity.

Cory Heitz. The chapel at Paul Mortuary was overflowing and two fire rigs stood vigil outside as a service full of prepared and spontaneous eulogies gave praise to the industrious spirit and generosity of a youth whose life started the third generation of a Pacific Grove family.

The grandson of Claude and Phyllis Cory, long time owners of a radio and TV store here, was killed two weeks ago in an automobile accident.

What I learned through testimonials on Cory's short life was his enthusiasm about recreation with his family, his seemingly unbounded generosity toward others and, finally, something no one knew about until post humous discovery of his journal, his awareness of and conscious interpretation of the basic meaning of life concepts such as love, friendship and work.

He thought about behavior and about the importance of connections with others and the concepts that cemented those values. To me, that is unusual for a person that age. Makes you wonder why someone that aware goes first, which reminds one of the oft-heard prophecy, "Only the good die young."

tions ("variances") under the incentive section of the Historic Preservation Ordinance?

The long term economic viability of Pacific Grove as a destination for visitors depends to a great extent on a man-made environment full of well-preserved, original, historic structures.

Allow this historic heritage to be diminished (or demolished, if you will), as is currently occurring under the "Historic Preservation Ordinance," and Pacific Grove runs the risk of long term economic disaster in order to realize short term economic gain.

Terrence B. Zito, Councilmember
City of Pacific Grove

PGHS Jazz Band deserves a cheer

Editor:

I thought you might be interested to learn that our own Pacific Grove High School Jazz Band won unanimous "Superior" marks at two festival competitions in March: Coconut Grove in Santa Cruz and Cuesta College.

This award-winning band will perform at the Good Ol' Days Pancake Breakfast in the morning on 4/13.

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Nancy Lindstrom
A jazz fan

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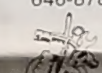
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NEW MONTEREY

Tourists pickup tab for neighborhood projects

by Janis Cain

A total of \$1.7 million room tax revenues will be available for Neighborhood Improvement Projects in Monterey, beginning July 1. Sharon Dwight, president of the New Monterey Residents Association, told the Beacon this week that 44 of 93 suggested projects were approved by the NIP committee.

Projects located in New Monterey include the possibility of a video speed control system on Prescott Avenue. Cameras would be placed in black boxes on poles to photograph both the car's driver and the license plate. Used effectively in other cities, the \$5,000 system reportedly pays for itself in increased citations, which are mailed to the driver.

FUNDING for neighborhood improvement is the result of a unique Transient Occupancy Tax program which consistently provides 16% of the room taxes generated by Monterey hotels and motels. Citizens make suggestions, which are then studied by the NIP committee, City Council, Parks and Recreation, and the Planning Commission.

Among the considerations for approval of specific projects are the ongoing operating costs as well as how well the project conforms to the City's master plan.

PASSED AS its Number 1 priority, the committee recommended funding for the design and construction of an Emergency Operating Center for the City of Monterey. The City's existing

EOC is not only too small, but also in need of upgrading.

The new stand-alone facility will provide a central location for various heads of city departments to come together to manage the city during crisis situations involving power outages. Funding will also provide large metal storage boxes for emergency response supplies in varying locations in the City of Monterey.

LOWER PRESIDIO Historic park will be enhanced through tree trimming and other landscaping. Improved access will allow a pedestrian link to the Rec Trail.

Additional New Monterey projects approved by the NIP committee include: **Victorian House** — Handicap access, irrigation and interior improvements.

Oak-Newton park — Replace restroom.

Hoffman Park — Replace play equipment.

Cypress Street — Widen street to 36 feet with sidewalks on both sides in 800 block.

Archer Street — Widen street to 36 feet with sidewalks on both sides in 400 block.

Hilltop Park — Fencing.

Lobos Ave. — Fill in ditch.

Spencer Street — Repair sidewalk in 200 block.

Citizens wishing to suggest projects for next year may do so through forms available from the City's Construction Management Office.

Also, the city's Focus newsletter in the fall will include a postcard for Neighborhood Improvement Project suggestions. Each neighborhood in Monterey is given equal voting power for the projects.

New Monterey Moods by Sam Fleming

The blood curdling screams echoed in the still, New Monterey afternoon. Oh, no, I thought, those dogs down the street must be loose again. My roommate, Vicki, has developed this offensive technique that can bring oversized charging dogs to a screeching halt in mid stride and effectively turn them whimpering back to their owners. The only negative side-effects are the heart stopping reactions of me and all of our neighbors in a six-block radius whenever this occurs.

Every afternoon, Vicki takes Lucky, my medium sized Purebred SPCA Mutt and her tiny long-haired Dachshund, Joshua, on a walk. Most of the time nothing eventful happens. Recently, however, two large mean-looking bandanna wearin', cigar smokin' homedogz have been prowling around in our "hood." Well, when these two spot Lucky, Joshua and Vicki, all hell breaks loose. Lucky tries to attack them, but finds herself restricted by the screaming human on the other end of her leash. Joshua hides behind Vicki and Vicki tries everything in her power to stop the action. That was until she discovered the power of The Scream.

The last time that happened, she called the police who told her not to walk our dogs in that part of the neighborhood. Great solution. The officers must have gone by the home of the offenders as well, though, because we started getting nasty notes delivered from their house to ours: copies of Dog Ordinances.

It's been about three weeks now since the last scream was heard, and no more attacks have occurred, so it looks as if things have calmed down. If you live in New Monterey, however, and you happen to hear loud screaming followed by whimpers of the canine variety, you will know that the Dogz in the hood are on the loose once again.

Shore Lines

by Neill Gardner

DOWN ON the farm, we got our water out of a long-handled pump. A kid could chin himself on the handle whilst he was getting things started. Once underway, the water came pouring out cold and clear.

That wasn't the end of it. Water had to be carried into the house, over to the barn for the livestock or out to the chicken house. There was no market for exercise gear around that scatter.

It didn't take long to learn that carrying a bucketful in each hand was easier than one at a time. Gave a fella balance.

WHEN ELECTRICITY came to Hazel Dell, my Old Man promptly installed a pump and a pressure system. You talk about a turning point. Throw away the buckets, Mate.

He put a float in the horse trough. Worked like a charm. Old Blaze never went thirsty again.

There was a down side. One of the hens had hatched 13 duck eggs. The ducklings were cute and cuddly, the stuff

that Easter is made of. They climbed into the trough, couldn't get out and drowned.

PA WIRED up the whole shooting-match. He had juice all over the farm. Man, hot and cold running water, an inside john. No more heating water in a wash boiler for a Saturday night bath.

As Number Three kid, it was a big deal for me. I could bathe in water nobody else had used.

Hey, if you're gonna wander down Memory Lane with this old horse, be prepared for a lot of side streets. I can't remember what we had for breakfast. But I can give you chapter and verse on 1927.

OVERAT what passes for a City Hall last week, we had a fella in there trying to sell the City on a deal that would bring him 100 Grand for water he isn't using. You aren't gonna believe this, but those folks took him seriously.

Dick Stillwell cautioned Council against heading down that slippery slope. My Old man would have told this fella to use it or lose it.

Water rights may make sense in Nevada or Texas. In Butterfly Town the concept leaves a bitter taste. Council should deep-six the idea pronto or they'll hear about it come the next election.



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